

THE SIXTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF WAKEFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878,

CONTAINING REPORTS OF THE
AUDITORS, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF
THE POOR, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, FIRE EN-
GINEERS, FISH COMMITTEE, SCHOOL COM-
MITTEE AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALSO,
THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD OF THE
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
DURING THE YEAR 1877.

WAKEFIELD:
W. H. TWOMBLY, PRINTER, WAKEFIELD'S BLOCK.
1878.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1877-8.

SELECTMEN.

JAMES OLIVER, *Chairman*.

R. L. MURKLAND, *Secretary*.

B. B. BURBANK.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

TOWN TREASURER.

JAMES F. EMERSON.

ASSESSORS.

DAVID PERKINS,

JAMES OLIVER,

JOHN S. EATON.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CYRUS N. WHITE,

WM. F. YOUNG,

IRA WILEY, Jr.*

*Died August 2d, 1877.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*, Term Expires 1880.

THEODORE E. BALCH, " " 1880.

SAMUEL K. HAMILTON, *Secretary*, " " 1879.

CHARLES KEYSER,* " " 1879.

GEORGE W. ABORN, " " 1878.

E. P. COLBY, " " 1878.

QUINCY WHITNEY, " " 1878.

*Died Sept 21, 1877. Quincy Whitney chosen to fill vacancy.

AUDITORS.

T. J. SKINNER,

E. E. EMERSON,

W. S. GREENOUGH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

RICHARD BRITTON.

FISH COMMITTEE.

OSCAR I. STOWELL,

C. P. POLAND,

THOMAS GOULD.

TRUSTEES OF THE BEEBE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman*,

ELIZA A. WAKEFIELD,*

THEODORE E. BALCH, *Sec'y*,

HARRIET N. FLINT,

CHESTER W. EATON, *Treas.*

S. O. RICHARDSON,

THOMAS WINSHIP,

F. P. HURD,

EDWARD MANSFIELD,

GEORGE L. KILGORE,

JOHN M. CATE,

AZEL AMES, JR.,

JOHN HOGAN.

*Died Nov. 14, 1877.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SAMUEL F. LITTLEFIELD, *Chief*,

H. L. DAY, *Sec'y*,

C. H. DAVIS.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

S. O. RICHARDSON, J. R. MANSFIELD, E. P. COLBY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

LEVI FLANDERS,	.	.	.	.	.	Centre District.
C. P. POLAND,	.	.	.	.	.	North “
L. B. EATON,	.	.	.	.	.	South “
C. H. DERBY,	.	.	.	.	.	East “
HERO NICHOLS,	.	.	.	.	.	West “
JOSHUA PERHAM,	.	.	.	.	.	Woodville “

FENCE VIEWERS.

DAVID PERKINS, R. L. MURKLAND, GEO. H. TEAGUE.

CONSTABLES.

DANIEL CAREY, C. H. DAVIS, HOWARD EMERSON.

POLICE OFFICERS.

DANIEL CAREY, *Chief*. J. F. ALEXANDER, R. L. COOPER,
 I. F. SHELDON, JOHN DRUGAN, *PATRICK KENNEY,
 J. S. BATCHELDER, *PATRICK FOLEY, †THOMAS BARBER,
 F. G. COKER, JOSEPH TUTTLE.

*Discharged during the year.

†Died.

POUND KEEPER.

JOHN B. ATWELL.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND MERCHANDISE.

GEORGE W. ABORN, G. N. OSGOOD, GEO. K. GILMAN,
 J. C. W. WALTON, JAMES WESTGATE, A. A. MANSFIELD.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

RICHARD BRITTON, A. A. MANSFIELD, JOSEPH TUTTLE,
 JOSHUA WALTON, HENRY CLAY, C. W. GREEN,
 A. J. HUTCHINSON, B. F. ABBOTT, WILLIS S. MASON,
 M. C. EVANS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

HENRY CLAY, C. F. BICKFORD, GEORGE H. TEAGUE,
 H. L. HASKELL, H. D. HOYT, B. F. ABBOTT,
 EUGENE S. HINCKLEY.

TRUANT OFFICER.

DANIEL CAREY.

FIELD DRIVERS.

THOMAS HICKS, JAMES F. B. HALL.

List of Jurors

ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 6, 1877.

Abbott, B. F.
Abbott, Henry F.
Abbott, George
Allen, Mark
Anderson, Clinton O.
Atwell, John
Balch, T. E.
Batchelder, David
Beebe, Cyrus G.
Bickford, Chas. F.
Britton, Richard
Burbank, B. B.
Burgess, E. B.
Carey, Daniel
Cooper, R. L.
Connell, Joseph
Currier, Horace P.
Doliver, Horatio
Dodge, A. P.
Eaton, Levi B.
Emmons, D. T.
Emerson, Frederic
Fisher, Henry S.
Gilman, Geo. K.
Green, Thomas
Hardy, Geo. A.
Harnden, J. W.
Haskell, Henry L.
Heath, L. N.
Hogan, John
Hurd, Joseph L.

Kenney, Thomas
Kendrick, Rufus
Killoran, James
Mansfield, J. J.
Mason, David P.
Moran, John
Maloney, John A.
Nichols, Hero W.
Niles, Charles E.
O'Hea, Bartholomew
Parker, Samuel, Jr.
Philpot, Cyrus A.
Perkins, David
Putney, Stillman J.
Pitman, L. J.
Potter, James W.
Reed, Washington
Sheldon, I. F.
Stout, Richard S.
Sweetser, Jewett B.
Sweetser, E. Felton
Teague, George H.
Tuttle, Joseph
Tyler, John A.
Walton, Oliver, 2d
Walton, J. C. W.
Williams, Francis
Webster, John W.
White, Cyrus N.
Young, William F.
Upham, E. S.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877-8.

For Support of Schools,	\$11,000 00
School Contingent Fund,	1,000 00
Support of the Poor,	4,000 00
“ “ “ Fire Department,	2,400 00
Payment of Town Officers,	2,700 00
Expense of Street Lamps,	1,200 00
Support of Public Library { including dog tax }	633 20
1876-7, \$433.20 }	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	3,500 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,	150 00
Refuse on Common Extension,	25 00
Opening Saugus River,	200 00
Stocking Lake Quannapowitt,	350 00
Bennett Street Appropriation,	150 00
Richardson Street “	100 00
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Total Selectmen's Department,	\$30,408 20
For Payment of Town Debt,	\$6,000 00
Interest on do.,	9,000 00
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Total Treasurer's Department,	\$15,000 00
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Total,	\$45,408 20

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Regular Appropriation, . . .	\$11,000 00
Received from Mass. State fund 1877, . .	220 01
Transferred from Contingent fund, . .	116 43
Total, . . .	<u>\$11,336 44</u>

Expended as follows :

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Melvin J. Hill, High School, . .	\$1,461 70
Eliza M. Greenwood, Assistant do. . .	435 49
Martha Keith, do. do. . .	104 00
M. E. Wentworth, Advanced Grammar, . .	666 25
Abbie S. Perkins, First " . .	526 50
Sarah L. Thomas, Second " . .	78 00
Emma S. Small, " " . .	109 99
Mary E. Dana, " " . .	175 99
Fred'k S. Cutter, " " . .	87 50
M. Annie Warren, Third " . .	445 99
Elenora Hutchinson, Training and 1st Int. . .	502 13
Susan E. Barker, " " Woodville, . .	55 50
" " " Asst. Second Grammar, . .	102 49
Nellie A. Miller, Training and Int. . .	55 67
" " " Montrose, . .	19 00
" " " West Intermediate, . .	216 00
Myra A. Stearns, First Primary, . .	371 00
M. I. Hersey, Second " . .	369 98
Clara E. Bancroft, Asst. Second Primary, . .	64 99
" " " Training and Int. . .	86 58
C. Eveline Sweetser, Ctr. Intermediate, . .	21 08
Hannah H. Taft, " " . .	204 99
Alice Alexander, " " . .	305 00
Sophie F. Hamblin, West " . .	181 03
L. J. Mansfield, " Primary, . .	342 75
Francella M. Evans, North . .	435 89
Annie R. Killoran, East . .	392 29
Frannie L. Hartshorne, South . .	409 90

Amount carried forward, . . . \$8,227 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$8,227 68
Paid Susie D. Turnbull,	Franklin Intermediate,			404 99
Emma L. Upham,	" Primary,	.		339 50
Alice M. Wiley,	Woodville,	.		330 50
George F. Wilson,	Music Teacher,	.		512 20
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Total for Salaries,	.	.	.	\$9,814 87

NOTE.—The School Committee report that there are unpaid bills in this department to the amount of about \$350.

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Wm. H. Wiley,	High School Building,	.	.	\$215 00
A. F. Hutchinson,	Ctr. Dist. to Mch. 3, 1877,			51 85
Geo. E. Gamage,	" "	.	.	126 00
James E. Buckley,	Franklin,	.	.	84 00
Henry Phelps,	North,	.	.	42 00
I. F. Sheldon,	South,	.	.	42 00
G. H. Wiley,	East,	.	.	63 00
Jonas Cowdrey and Waldo E. Cowdrey,	West,			65 00
W. W. Bessey,	West,	.	.	16 00
E. Butterfield,	Woodville,	.	.	42 00
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Total,	.	.	.	\$746 85

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid James J. Mansfield,				
30 tons Furnace Coal at \$4.95,	.	.	.	\$148 50
10 " Egg " " 5.40,	.	.	.	54 00
Basketing do.,	.	.	.	7 51
Henry O. Mitchell,				
51 cords 6 1-4 ft. Hard Wood at \$6.25,	.	.	.	323 63
15 " 3 1-2 ft. Pine " " 4.50,	.	.	.	69 74
Tickets for do.,	.	.	.	3 66
Geo. W. Aborn,				
4 cords Oak Wood, at \$8.00	.	.	.	32 00
.2 " " " " 7.00,	.	.	.	14 00
1 ton Coal,	.	.	.	7 50
Sawing and Housing,	.	.	.	3 41
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Total for fuel,	.	.	.	\$663 95

PREPARING FUEL.

Paid Asaph Evans,	\$51 12
I. F. Sheldon,	10 00
John Kelley,	.	.	.	.	.	14 62
Moses G. Hobson,	.	.	.	.	.	4 75
Henry Sweetser,	.	.	.	.	.	6 28
J. E. Buckley,	.	.	.	.	.	1 25
Orison Ripley,	.	.	.	.	.	1 40
Geo. E. Gamage,	.	.	.	.	.	21 35
Total,						<hr/> \$110 77

Recapitulation.

Appropriations brought forward,	.	.	.	\$11,336 44
Expended :				
Teachers' Salaries,	.	.	\$9,814 87	
Janitors' Services,	.	.	746 85	
Fuel Account,	.	.	663 95	
Preparing Fuel,	.	.	110 77	
				<hr/> \$11,336 44

SUPPORT OF BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

Regular appropriation,	.	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Dog tax 1876-7,	.	.	.	.	.	433 20
						<hr/> \$633 20
Paid C. W. Eaton, Treas. of Trustees,	.	.	.	.	.	633 20

For details of expenditures see Trustees' Report.

SCHOOL CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriation authorized,	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Expended as follows :				
Paid R. L. Murkland, books and stationery,	.			\$66 14
C. A. Cheney,	"	"	.	15 00
C. Q. Goodwin,	"	"	.	99 46
J. L. Hammett,	school supplies,	.		128 62
H. B. & W. O. Chamberlin,	apparatus,	.		10 31
F. W. Smith,	ink,	.		17 25
O. Ditson & Co.,	music,	.		27 00
Amer. Bap. Pub. Soc'y,	stationery,	.		13 00
J. W. Locke,	"	.		15 80
T. E. Balch,	"	.		4 53
W. H. Twombly,	printing,	.		22 12
S. B. Dearborn,	"	.		10 50
Weeks & Potter,	chemicals,	.		5 80
S. W. Abbott,	metric system,	.		10 21
H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	.		2 00
J. H. Eaton,	expressing,	.		65
H. M. Rideout,	taking census,	.		40 00
Teachers,	for sundries,	.		18 13
Janitors,	for extra labor and sundries,	.		72 35
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	mats,	.		12 63
F. S. Shaw,	furnishing goods,	.		8 25
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	gas,	.		6 65
Geo. W. Aborn,	labor and stock furnished,	.		10 25
M. C. Taylor,	repairs,	.		2 00
Geo. H. Teague,	"	.		28 54
John Purington,	"	.		56 51
A. Wiley,	"	.		1 75
Bacon & Sweetser,	"	.		65 06
W. K. Perkins,	"	.		7 00
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	.		21 70
J. & S. Winship,	"	.		7 00
M. N. Cobb,	"	.		2 00
Moses Staples,	"	.		12 32

Amount carried forward, . . . \$820 53

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$820 53
Paid J. Cartwright, repairs,	.	.	.	1 87
I. A. Parsons,	"	.	.	12 75
J. Goddard,	"	.	.	23 60
A. Goodwin,	"	.	.	3 70
G. N. Littlefield & Co., "	.	.	.	17 12
G. C. McKenzie, repairing clock and call bell,	.	.	.	4 00
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Total expenditures,	.	.	.	\$883 57
Balance unexpended, transferred to Regular				
School Appropriation,	.	.	.	116 43
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				\$1,000 00

REFUSE ON COMMON EXTENSION.

Appropriation authorized,	\$25 00
Expended as follows :					
Paid John Toomey, labor, 13 days,	\$19 50
G. H. Sweetser, labor,	2 00
For sign boards,	3 50
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					\$25 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation authorized, \$2,400 00

Expended as follows :

YALE ENGINE COMPANY No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1877,		\$820 75
G. H. Sweetser,	Steward's services,	4 50
C. E. Townley,	" "	34 10
H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	8 50
Citizens' Gas Co.,	gas,	1 40
Benson & Hall,	fuel,	3 25
J. H. Eaton,	express,	3 00
Atherton Bros.,	supplies,	73
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	labor and sundries,	10 01
Belt & Leather Stuffing Co.,	indicator,	9 00
Wakefield Rattan Co.,	strainer,	1 00
J. & S. Winship,	repairs,	6 25
Hunneman & Co.,	"	21 75
Total,		<hr/> \$924 24

C. WAKEFIELD ENGINE CO. No. 2.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1, 1877, being a sum equivalent to the Poll tax of each member,		\$44 00
Geo. I. Oliver,	Steward's services,	38 50
H. O. Mitchell & Co.,	fuel,	4 38
J. J. Mansfield,	"	1 50
" "	drawing engine,	14 00
J. H. Eaton,	express,	50
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs,	65
Total,		<hr/> \$103 53

CHEMICAL ENGINE Co. No. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1877,		\$126 50
Justin Howard,	Steward's services,	28 63
Oscar Hutchinson,	rent of room,	50 00

Amount carried forward, . . . \$205 13

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$205 13
Paid H. N. Winslow,	teaming,	.	.	16 00
Howe & French,	chemicals,	.	.	3 92
Cutler Bros.,	soda,	.	.	10 80
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	repairs and sundries,			22 50
Total,				<hr/> \$258 35

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER CO. NO. 1.

Paid Firemen's Services to May 1st, 1877,	.	.	.	\$261 75
John M. Cate, Rent from Jan. '76 to Jan. '77,				180 00
J. & S. Winship,	repairs,	.	.	5 00
Edward Hooper, Jr.,	truck pole,	.	.	10 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	sundries,	.	.	1 75
Total,				<hr/> \$458 50

OTHER EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. H. Emerson,	ringing fire alarms,			\$3 00
Chas. L. Coombs,	" " "	.	.	10 00
Andrew Goodwin,	" " "	.	.	5 00
" "	labor,	.	.	3 75
B. F. Abbott,	labor on Reservoirs,			1 50
B. F. Shedd,	" "	.	.	2 00
N. H. Dow,	" "	.	.	1 00
Israel A. Parsons,	" "	.	.	1 00
F. G. Coker,	" " & platform,			34 53
J. M. Fairbanks,	labor on Hose,	.	.	9 00
C. N. White,	" "	.	.	9 75
J. H. Eaton,	care of Reservoirs,	.	.	10 00
" "	keys and express,	.	.	1 15
Geo. Burke,	material,	.	.	5 95
Chas. Q. Goodwin,	blank book,	.	.	1 00
C. H. R. Cheney,	repairing clock,	.	.	2 00
Moses Staples,	labor,	.	.	3 10
Bacon & Sweetser,	repairs on house,	.	.	28 00
Patrick O'Connor,	labor on well,	.	.	22 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>				<hr/> \$154 23

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$154 23
Paid P. Hennessey,	stones for well,	3 00
J. Westgate,	lumber “	2 65
David Perkins,	platform “	5 75
C. H. Davis,	labor “	3 00
Total,		<u>\$168 63</u>

Recapitulation.

Yale Engine Co. No. 1,	\$924 24
C. Wakefield Co. No. 2,	103 53
Chemical Engine Co. No. 1,	258 35
Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1,	458 50
Sundry other expenses,	168 63
Total expended,	<u>\$1,913 25</u>
Balance unexpended,	486 75
	<u>\$2,400 00</u>

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation authorized,	\$4,000 00
Paid Cyrus N. White, Chairman of Overseers, as	
per receipts,	<u>5,200 00</u>
Balance overdrawn,	\$1,200 00

For details of expenditures, see Report of Overseers of the Poor.

PAYMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation authorized,	.	.	.	\$2,700 00
Expended as follows :				
Paid Board of Auditors,	1876-7,	.		100 00
“ “ Selectmen,	1877-8,	.		450 00
“ “ Assessors,	“ “	.		350 00
“ “ Overseers of Poor,	“ “	.		150 00
“ “ Engineers of Fire Dep’t,	“ “	.		*100 00
“ “ School Committee,	“ “	.		200 00
“ “ “ “	bal. of salaries			
	for 1876-7,	.		166 67
Chas. F. Hartshorne, Town Clerk,	.	.		100 00
“ “	recording statistics,	.		87 60
“ “	sealer weights & measures,			25 00
Richard Britton,	Collector, on acc’t,	.		300 00
James F. Emerson,	Treasurer, 1876,	.		50 00
Otis V. Waterman,	Collector in full,	.		59 00
W. G. Skinner,	Return of deaths,	.		5 25
F. G. Coker,	Janitor of Town Hall,			331 00
H. W. Eustis,	Night Watch,	.		10 00
Warren S. Parker,	“ “	.		5 00
C. H. Davis,	Constable,	.		48 00
Daniel Carey,	“	.		33 50
“ “	Police,	.		194 65
F. G. Coker,	“	.		95 80
John F. Alexander,	“	.		75 40
J. S. Batchelder,	“	.		50 95
R. L. Cooper,	“	.		48 85
John Drugan,	“	.		28 90
Patrick Kenney,	“	.		35 30
Patrick Foley,	“	.		22 70
H. D. Hoyt,	“	.		12 30
Thomas Gould,	“	.		6 00
Joseph Tuttle,	“	.		5 00

Total, *carried forward*, . . \$3,146 87

* \$25 of this amount refunded; see Treasurer's report.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,146 87
Balance overdrawn transferred to Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses by direction of Selectmen,	446 87
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	\$2,700 00

APPROPRIATION FOR STOCKING LAKE QUANNA- POWITT.

Appropriation authorized,	\$350 00	
Less am't transferred to Saugus River appropriation, by permission of Selectmen,	80 06	
	<hr/>	\$269 94
Expended as follows :		
Paid Thos. Pierce, 2d, 250 Black Bass at .60,	\$150 00	
State Treasurer, rent of pond 15 years,	10 00	
Asa French, preparing lease,	10 00	
Transportation of Alewives and Salmon,	30 50	
D. F. Jones & Co., printing,	4 75	
J. W. Littlefield, wire netting,	2 63	
Expenses to Plymouth,	6 00	
Lumber and labor on screen at outlet,	5 25	
Expressage, stationery, postage, telegrams, &c.,	6 01	
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Total expended,		\$225 14
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Balance unexpended, now in hands of Fish Com.		\$44 80

APPROPRIATION FOR OPENING SAUGUS RIVER.

Regular appropriation authorized,	\$200 00	
Transferred from Fish appropriation,	80 06	
Received from Town of Lynnfield,	53 85	
" " Mr. Flagg,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$334 91
Expended as follows :		
Paid C. P. Poland, labor 21 1-4 days at \$2 00,		\$42 50
Thomas Gould, " 16 1-2 " " 2 00,		33 00
E. Gowing, Jr., " 11 " " 1 75,		19 24
F. P. Hoyt, " 18 1-4 " " 1 75,		31 92
C. H. Hart, " 16 " " 1 75,		27 99
John Loughlin, " 13 1-4 " " 1 75,		23 17
M. Sullivan, " 12 1-4 " " 1 75,		21 42
L. D. Hoyt, " 11 " " 1 75,		19 24
W. Crowley, " 12 " " 1 75,		20 99
Charles Hart, " 8 1-2 " " 1 75,		14 85
E. Gowing, " 5 3-4 " " 1 75,		10 05
P. Reddington, " 9 1-2 " " 1 75,		16 62
M. Keegan, " 3 " " 1 75,		5 25
M. Penny, " 8 " " 1 75,		14 00
P. Crowley, " 3 " " 1 75,		5 25
L. Smith, " 4 3-4 " " 1 75,		8 30
Thomas Hickey, " 4 1-2 " " 1 75,		7 87
W. W. Davis, Surveying,		6 00
C. P. Poland, Horse, 1 day,		1 50
Lumber for Fishway and Raft,		5 75
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DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation authorized,	\$150 00
Paid R. L. Murkland, Treas. Post 12, G. A. R.,	150 00

EXPENSE OF STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation authorized,	.	.	.	.	\$1,200 00
Expended as follows :					
Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., for gas,	.	.	.	.	\$565 37
A. W. Cate,	"	lighting,	.	.	75 00
David Flanders,	"	"	.	.	185 00
I. F. Sheldon,	"	"	Greenwood,	.	87 14
Henry Phelps,	"	"	North Dist.,	.	13 25
Cutler Bros.,	"	supplies,	.	.	18 65
W. A. Cutter & Co.,	"	"	.	.	5 67
B. P. Bowman,	"	lanterns & repairs,	.	.	18 00
Tufts Bros.,	"	lamp posts, &c.,	.	.	40 50
G. N. Littlefield & Co.,	"	repairs,	.	.	7 90
L. J. Descalzo,	"	"	.	.	14 83
J. Descalzo,	"	"	.	.	7 20
Z. F. Fairbanks,	"	"	.	.	19 50
John McGrory,	"	"	.	.	3 00
R. L. Murkland,	"	burners,	.	.	6 00
J. H. Eaton,	"	express,	.	.	50
Boston & Maine R. R.,	"	freight bill,	.	.	30
F. G. Coker,	"	setting post,	.	.	2 00
Total,					\$1,069 81
Balance unexpended,					130 19
					<hr/> \$1,200 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation authorized, \$3,500 00

Expended as follows :

TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Citizens' Gas Lt. Co., for gas,	\$420 35
James J. Mansfield, 30'1230-2000 tons coal	
at \$4.95,	151 54.
“ “ 5 1555-2000 “ 5.40,	31 20
H. O. Mitchell & Co., 2 1-4 cords pine	
wood, at \$5.00,	11 25
F. G. Coker, labor and sundries,	32 68
Descalzo & Boulger, repairs,	2 15
Ingalls & Kendriken, gauge glass for boiler,	30
E. H. Brabrook, piano stool,	5 00
Wm. Hall & Co., keys,	1 38
Sharp & Moulton, repairs,	24 95
R. L. Murkland, gas fixtures,	9 25
G. N. Littlefield & Co., sundries and repairs,	14 26
William Daniel, repairs,	19 50
J. Stevens & Son, “	4 00
Geo. H. Teague, “	1 00
C. H. R. Cheney, repairing clock,	1 00
Joseph Tuttle, removing ashes,	3 00
Bacon & Sweetser, repairs,	3 43
F. S. Shaw, umbrella stand,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$741 24

NOTE.—Janitor's services charged to the appropriation for Payment of Town Officers.
See Treasurer's Report for income of Hall.

PERTAINING TO HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. L. Day, damage to sleigh, New Salem St.,	\$5 75
Elisha Oliver, damages on highway,	15 00
William Derby, labor, setting bounds,	3 00
James Foley, “ “ “	3 00
L. D. Hoyt, “ “ “	1 50
M. O. Shaughnessy, “ “ “	1 50
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$29 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$29 75
Paid Geo. W. Stevens, labor setting bounds,			32 00
H. D. Hoyt,	"	"	1 50
N. H. Dow, repairing culvert,			3 00
G. N. Littlefield & Co., stock fence old cemetery,			1 36
J. J. Mansfield,	"	"	13 33
H. H. Hobson,	"	"	5 86
Oliver Walton, 2nd, labor	"	"	23 86
I. A. Parsons,	"	"	1 80
G. N. Littlefield & Co., repairs town pumps,			4 47
John Wiley, 2nd,	"	"	1 00
David Perkins, guide boards,			32 75
Bacon & Sweetser,	"		15 00
Oliver Walton, 2nd, labor on Ezra Eaton lot,			11 60
Geo. H. Sweetser,	"	common,	1 50
James Hurley, repairs on sidewalk,			15 00
Edw. C. Bates, tree protectors,			169 71
E. W. Eaton, oil	"		1 75
Peter B. Teed, care of trees,			3 50
Cyrus Kimball, removing snow, 1877,			4 00
Stephen Lufkin, damage to fence by snow plow,			1 50
Town of Stoneham, bound stones,			8 15
F. G. Coker, repairing railing,			2 50
Richard Britton, Collector, sundry tax bills for			
labor on highway,			21 00

Total, \$405 89

PRINTING, STATIONERY, &C.

Paid W. H. Twombly, ptg town reports, 1876-7,			\$299 50
" " " and advertising,			180 59
S. B. Dearborn, printing,			5 00
Doane & Greenough, stationery,			28 25
H. B. Peirce, Sec'y, voters' register,			2 00
J. W. Locke, P. M., postage stamps,			2 00
C. F. Hartshorne, sundries for Town Clerk,			7 27
R. L. Murkland,	"	Selectmen,	2 50
James Oliver,	"	Assessors,	4 07

Total, \$531 18

INSURANCE.

Paid C. F. Hartshorne, Ins. on School Houses, .	\$655 00
J. D. Mansfield, " " " .	90 00
Total,	<u>\$745 00</u>

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid John M. Cate, armory rent,	\$350 00
J. H. Emerson, ringing bell,	5 00
R. H. Mitchell, " "	3 00
W. G. Skinner, circulating reports,	16 00
Geo. Abbott, care of flag staff,	5 00
H. N. Winslow, teaming,	25
E. E. Emerson, 4th of July celebration,	100 00
J. R. Mansfield, for Board of Health,	19 50
E. A. Upton, legal services,	5 00
Moses Staples, repairs on bell,	3 75
Richard Britton, registration of voters, ,	35 00
Oliver Walton, 2nd, return of deaths,	11 25
" " repairs of hearse,	50
Cutler Bros., food for tramps,	2 71
F. S. Shaw, repairing table,	50
I. F. Sheldon, repairs,	2 00
Total,	<u>\$559 46</u>

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS OVERDRAWN.

Payment of Town Officers,	\$446 87
Richardson St., appropriation,	5 77
Highway appropriation retained by Selectmen,	7 25
Total,	<u>\$459 89</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation brought forward,	\$3,500 00
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Expended as follows :

Town House account,	\$741 24
Pertaining to highways,	405 89

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,147 13</u>	\$3,500 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,147 23	\$3,500 00
Printing, stationery, &c.,	531 18	
Insurance,	745 00	
Incidentals,	559 46	
Overdrawn appropriations,	459 89	
Total,	—	3,442 66
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Balance unexpended,		\$57 34

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation authorized, \$3,000 00

By vote of the Board of Selectmen, April 13, 1877, the above amount was apportioned to the several districts, as follows, viz. :

Centre District, Levi Flanders, surveyor, .	\$675 00
North “ C. P. Poland, “ .	430 00
South “ L. B. Eaton, “ .	430 00
East “ C. H. Derby, “ .	400 00
West “ H. W. Nichols, “ .	650 00
Woodville “ Joshua Perham, “ .	300 00
Retained by Selectmen for outstanding bills of last year,	115 00
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Total,	\$3,000 00

The above amounts have been expended as follows :

AMOUNT RETAINED BY SELECTMEN.

Amount apportioned,	\$115 00
Expended as follows :	
Paid John G. Morrill, clearing snow, 1876-7, .	34 87
Andrew Young, “ “ “ .	27 38
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$62 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	\$62 25
Paid J. H. Perkins, clearing snow, 1876 -7,	.	.	6 50
H. D. Hoyt,	"	"	7 00
Cyrus Kimball,	"	"	27 81
Ezra Gowing,	"	"	11 20
C. P. Poland,	"	"	7 49
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			\$122 25

Amount overdrawn carried to Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expenses,	.	.	7 25
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			\$115 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.—LEVI FLANDERS, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor,	.	\$675 00
Received from sundry individuals for soil, &c.,	.	17 00
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Expended as follows : \$692 00

Paid sundry individuals as per pay rolls for labor upon various streets as follows, viz :	.	
Main street from Town House to Junction,		\$72 62
“ “ R.R. Bridge “		125 56
Valley, Hart, Melvin, Church, Railroad Sts., and Broadway,	.	132. 06
Bryant, Emerald, Cottage, Highland and Richardson Sts.,	.	85 24
Water and Melvin Sts.,	.	126 00
Crescent, Valley, Cottage and Melvin Sts.,	.	6 52
Yale Ave. and Railroad St.,	.	12 00
Clearing out cesspools, Main St.,	.	10 50
Sundry bills for blacksmith work, lumber and labor,	.	68 50
Removing snow in February,	.	149 85
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Total expended,	.	\$788 85
Add errors found in Pay Rolls,	.	12 37
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		\$801 22
Balance in excess of Apportionment, and now due Levi Flanders,	.	109 22
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		\$692 00

NORTH DISTRICT.—C. P. POLAND, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	\$430 00
Expended as follows :	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay rolls for labor	
upon the highway,	347 23
for removing snow,	56 85
for gravel,	33 68
for drain pipe and blacksmithing,	2 84
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Total expended,	\$440 60
Balance now due Mr. Poland,	10 60
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	\$430 00

SOUTH DISTRICT.—L. B. EATON, SURVEYOR.

Balance in hands of surveyor, as per report last	
year,	\$49 33
Expended as follows :	
Paid for labor, as per pay roll, for removing	
snow, 1876-7,	38 98
Peter Froton, for removing ledge,	5 00
Use of scraper and blacksmithing,	5 35
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Total,	\$49 33
Amount apportioned and drawn this year, .	\$430 00
Expended as follows :	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay rolls, for	
labor on the highway,	416 74
Removing snow, January and February,	17 10
Repairing picks,	3 93
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Total expended,	\$437 77
A balance is therefore due to Mr. Eaton, of .	7 77
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	\$430 00

Mr. Eaton reports that money has been expended upon various streets as follows :

Main Street,	\$241 50
Greenwood Street,	159 24
Green Street,	15 00

EAST DISTRICT.—C. H. DERBY, SURVEYOR.

Balance in hands of Surveyor, as per report last
year, \$55 46

Expended as follows :

Paid for labor, as per pay roll, for removing snow,	
1876--7,	36 05
for Highway labor in Oct., '77,	18 87
Balance paid to the Town Treasurer,	54
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	\$55 46

Amount apportioned and drawn this year, . . . \$400 00

Expended as follows :

Paid sundry individuals, as per pay rolls, for labor,	329 55
for removing snow,	39 62
for gravel,	24 68
for repairing bridge on New Salem St.,	5 00
blacksmith work,	90
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Total,	\$399 75
Balance in hands of surveyor,	25
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	\$400 00

Mr. Derby reports that money has been expended upon various streets as follows :

Lowell Street,	\$120 00
Vernon "	111 00
New Salem, "	75 00
Patching and sidewalks,	28 05
For gravel,	24 68

WEST DISTRICT.—HERO W. NICHOLS, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor,	\$650 00
Expended as follows :	
Paid sundry individuals, as per pay roll, for labor,	588 75
for removing snow,	89 85
tools and repairs,	11 75
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Total expended,	\$690 35
Balance now due Mr. Nichols,	40 35
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	\$650 00

Mr. Nichols makes the following report of where the money has been expended :

Railroad St., from Ice Houses to Reading line,	\$226 00
Elm St., Davis Foster's Hill,	25 00
Prospect St., from Stoneham line to R.R. crossing,	212 00
West Chestnut St., near J. Whittemore's,	40 00
Patching roads, &c.,	85 75
Tools, &c.,	11 75
Removing snow,	89 85
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Total,	\$690 35

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—JOSHUA PERHAM, SURVEYOR.

Amount apportioned and drawn by surveyor, .	\$300 00
Balance in hands of surveyor last year, .	2 56
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	302 56

Expended as follows :

Paid sundry individuals, as per pay roll, for labor,	\$279 34
for removing snow,	35 00
for gravel,	17 64
scraper and tools,	3 10
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Total expended,	\$335 08
Balance now due Mr. Perham,	32 52
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	\$302 56

Mr. Perham makes the following report :

The proportion of Highway money committed to me for the year 1877, I have expended as follows :

Water Street,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$154 30
Nahant	"	.	.	.	.	.	104 70
Wiley	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 30
Farm	"	.	.	.	.	.	3 67
Franklin	"	.	.	.	.	.	3 38
Orchard	"	.	.	.	.	.	60
Street near Baxter Wiley's,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 05
Total,							<hr/> \$270 00

According to my best judgment,

JOSHUA PERHAM,

Highway Surveyor of Woodville District.

From the foregoing reports we find the total cost of removing snow the present season in all the districts amounts to \$388.27. The prices paid in the various districts were for surveyor, \$1.75 per day; laborers, \$1.50 per day. For removing snow an average of 25 cents per hour for laborers; for man and horse 50 cents per hour.—(AUDITORS.)

APPROPRIATION FOR BENNETT STREET.

Appropriation authorized, . . . \$150 00

Expended as follows :

Paid Joseph Tuttle, as per pay roll, for labor by
sundry individuals, . . . \$150 00

APPROPRIATION FOR RICHARDSON STREET.

Appropriation authorized, \$100 00

Expended as follows :

Paid J. W. Jenkins, as per pay roll, for labor by	
sundry individuals,	109 77
Less cash received for soil,	4 00
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Total,	\$105 77
Balance carried to miscellaneous expenses, .	5 77
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	\$100 00

CASH BALANCES IN HANDS OF SELECTMEN OF LAST YEAR, AS PER REPORT.

Beacon Street appropriation,	\$150 00
Charles " " 	184 00
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	334 00

Expended as follows:

Paid Levi Flanders, as per contract for Beacon St.,	\$134 00
" " " " Charles "	200 00
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	\$334 00

R E P O R T

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year ending April 1st, 1878.

EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

For grain and meal,	.	.	.	.	.	\$377 13
groceries,	.	.	.	.	.	306 57
meat and provisions,	.	.	.	.	.	424 85
dry goods,	.	.	.	.	.	150 66
coal,	.	.	.	.	.	163 10
clothing,	.	.	.	.	.	58 41
salt and fresh fish,	.	.	.	.	.	45 45
funeral expenses of Eulalia Slocomb,	.	.	.	.	.	17 00
tea and coffee,	.	.	.	.	.	54 50
tobacco and snuff,	.	.	.	.	.	32 45
labor on farm,	.	.	.	.	.	89 25
ice,	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
crackers and bread,	.	.	.	.	.	41 31
pasturing calves,	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
kerosene oil,	.	.	.	.	.	30 93
brooms,	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
blacksmith's bill,	.	.	.	.	.	17 32
stock,	.	.	.	.	.	52 00

Amount carried forward, . . . \$1,898 43

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$1,898 43
For field and garden seeds,	.	.	.	13 19
molasses,	.	.	.	53 25
soap,	.	.	.	25 32
repairs on buildings,	.	.	.	49 56
29 bbls. of flour,	.	.	.	272 62
beans and peas,	.	.	.	9 03
dog license,	.	.	.	2 00
sugar,	.	.	.	62 69
physicians' services,	.	.	.	61 25
medicines,	.	.	.	58 15
alcohol and liquors,	.	.	.	6 65
hard and tin ware,	.	.	.	47 96
household furniture,	.	.	.	11 28
farming tools,	.	.	.	14 76
beds and bedding,	.	.	.	40 66
butter and cheese,	.	.	.	66 16
vinegar,	.	.	.	11 58
wooden ware	.	.	.	1 98
crockery ware,	.	.	.	6 85
boots and shoes,	.	.	.	94 44
harness and repairs,	.	.	.	19 60
varnishing wagon,	.	.	.	7 00
wheelwright's bill,	.	.	.	15 74
salt grass,	.	.	.	27 90
newspaper and post-office bill,	.	.	.	10 12
car tickets and expense,	.	.	.	8 85
plaster for vines,	.	.	.	1 00
cash to inmates,	.	.	.	2 00
use of bull,	.	.	.	75
tomato plants,	.	.	.	3 00
bedding for tramps,	.	.	.	14 87
lumber,	.	.	.	4 20
hats and caps,	.	.	.	8 19
handcuffs,	.	.	.	4 25
lightning rods for barn,	.	.	.	51 00

Amount carried forward, . . . \$2,986 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$2,986	28
For ashes,	.	.	.	1	00
stoves and repairs,	.	.	.	33	99
butcher's knives,	.	.	.	1	55
seed potatoes,	.	.	.	10	00
express charges,	.	.	.	6	00
Paid Joseph Tuttle, keeper, salary in full,	.	.	.	350	00

Total expense at the almshouse for
the year, . . . \$3,388 82

RECEIPTS.

Received for labor on Bennett Street,	.	.	\$47	62
removing ashes from Town House,	.	.	3	00
from W. D. Deadman, for peas,	.	.	9	00
“ “ “ cabbages,	.	.	11	70
“ “ “ veal,	.	.	11	00
from J. Perham, “ shovelling snow,	.	.	7	60
“ “ “ potatoes,	.	.	2	00
“ C. N. White, “ vegetables,	.	.	4	25
“ D. G. Walton, “ potatoes,	.	.	11	70
“ “ “ pork,	.	.	25	90
“ “ “ milk,	.	.	22	32
“ “ “ vegetables,	.	.	8	00
“ “ “ labor,	.	.	2	50
“ “ “ hay,	.	.	65	13
from sundry persons for cabbages,	.	.	10	00
“ Mrs. Leggett, for milk,	.	.	5	65

Total receipts, . . . \$247 37

Net expense at almshouse, . . . \$3,141 45

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to Martin Donohoe,	.	.	.	\$14	88
Maria Green,	.	.	.	5	13

Amount carried forward, . . . \$20 01

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$20 01
Supplies to Ann McCarty,	.	.	.	9 02
Thomas Manning,	.	.	.	52 05
John Francis,	.	.	.	3 25
Patrick Grady,	.	.	.	64 71
Benjamin Freeby,	.	.	.	11 25
James Develin,	.	.	.	29 20
Mrs. L. A. Durrill,	.	.	.	26 90
William Crowley,	.	.	.	12 00
Michael Hurley,	.	.	.	142 00
Porter Western,	.	.	.	125 12
Reform School, Thomas O'Conner's, Westborough,				67 00
Paid board Nelson Sweetser, hospital,	.	.		198 07
George O. Sampson, “	.	.		55 71
James O. Boswell, “	.	.		117 80
Mary E. Osborne, “	.	.		46 03
John Kelley, Jr., House of Correction,				21 57
Charles Tucker, “ “				25 28
Paid burial Josephine Swintson,	.	.	.	7 00
Hannah E. Sutherland's child,	.	.		23 10
Seth E. Richard's child,	.	.		13 50
Ina Morrison's child,	.	.	.	6 00
Mrs. Thomas Tully,	.	.	.	18 00
W. A. Merrill's child,	.	.	.	7 00
Supplies to William H. Batchelder,	.	.		8 00
Mrs. A. E. Oliver, Reading,	.	.		116 00
John Foley's boys,	.	.	.	97 50
Jane Resterick,	.	.	.	56 00
Ralph Pratt,	.	.	.	68 50
Hannah Thompson,	.	.	.	14 65
E. W. Wood,	.	.	.	43 50
Doctor's bill, “	.	.	.	5 00
Supplies to Barnard Derby,	.	.	.	114 50
James Flarrety,	.	.	.	4 00
Mary Regan,	.	.	.	35 72
Michael Foley,	.	.	.	4 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	.	.	.	<u>\$1,668 94</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$1,668	94
Supplies to Theresa Blakely,	.	.	.	17	02
William Jones,	.	.	.	14	75
Ellen Cochran,	.	.	.	24	92
Paid to R. T. Foster, board of child,	.	.	.	37	00
Supplies to R. A. Sloan,	.	.	.	10	00
Wm. B. Crawford,	.	.	.	2	00
J. T. B. Hall,	.	.	.	20	25
Thomas Mulligan,	.	.	.	8	75
Frank Pendle,	.	.	.	14	50
James Mooney,	.	.	.	11	90
Jane Kelley,	.	.	.	10	00
Daniel Shannahan,	.	.	.	32	15
Samuel Mayo,	.	.	.	53	00
Patrick O'Neil,	.	.	.	9	00
Thomas Tully,	.	.	.	27	50
Henry Williams,	.	.	.	115	17
John Craughwell,	.	.	.	15	00
James Welch	.	.	.	3	00
John Madden,	.	.	.	5	50
Tramps,	.	.	.	4	12
Mrs. M. J. Leathe,	.	.	.	4	88
Geo. M. Ardell,	.	.	.	2	50
J. Tyler,	.	.	.	5	00
Michael Kennedy,	.	.	.	16	00
M. Bladden,	.	.	.	6	25
Doctor's bill	"	.	.	2	50
John Low,	.	.	.	1	50
Mary Cullen,	.	.	.	14	90
John Burditt,	.	.	.	11	50
Wm. O'Neil,	.	.	.	8	20
Annie M. Spencer,	.	.	.	20	56
Sarah Nichols,	.	.	.	1	50
John Spencer,	.	.	.	8	50
Patrick Farrington,	.	.	.	19	16
Thomas Mitchell,	.	.	.	4	00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$2,231	42

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$2,231 42
William Flynn,	.	.	.	5 25
Walter Linwood,	.	.	.	7 00
C. H. Carson,	.	.	.	1 75
Michael Connell,	.	.	.	6 15
Peter Connell,	.	.	.	12 00
Expense of Printing for Poor Department,	.	.	.	7 00
“ as Overseer, C. N. White,	.	.	.	32 68
“ “ W. F. Young,	.	.	.	1 30
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Total expense away from almshouse,	.	.	.	\$2,304 55

RECEIPTS.

Received from the State, J. Develin,	.	.	.	\$5 50
“ “ “ Mary Regan,	.	.	.	10 00
“ “ “ Frank Pendle,	.	.	.	4 00
“ of V. H. Osborne,	.	.	.	23 00
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Total Receipts,	.	.	.	\$42 50
Net expense away from almshouse,	.	.	.	2,262 05

Recapitulation.

The Overseers have received from former Board,	\$71 84
“ “ “ “ “ town of Water-	
town, for S. W. Whitney (last year's acc't),	70 30
Received from town of Peabody, for J. S. Mann,	
(last year's acc't) . . .	16 00
Gloucester, for R. H. Parsons, (last	
year's acc't) . . .	29 95
No. Reading, for N. C. Hunter, (last	
year's acc't) . . .	12 15
State, for J. A. Bechmont, (last	
year's acc't) . . .	15 65
Town Treasurer, . . .	5,200 00
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	\$5,415 89

Net expense at the Almshouse,	.	\$3,141	45
“ “ away from “	.	2,262	05
		<hr/>	\$5,403 50

Balance in Overseers' hands,	.	.	.	\$12	39
Largest number of inmates,	.	.	.	23	
Average “ “ “	.	.	.	18	
Present “ “ “	.	.	.	13	
Tramps relieved,	.	.	.	1094	

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Stock,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$628	75
Hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	241	00
Grain,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	35
Carriages and farming tools,	634	00
Household furniture,	499	62
Provisions,	133	91
Miscellaneous,	257	25
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Total,	\$2,403	88

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. Warren Burditt,	Mrs. Keziah Burditt,
James Lang,	Sarah Nichols,
Walter Tuttle,	Rosella Slocomb,
Geo. A. Burditt,	Nora Denehey,
Edward Denehey,	Miss Susan Burditt,
James Eager,	Eulalia Slocomb,*
John H. Slocomb,	Mary E. Denehey,
Charles Tucker,	Etta W. Slocomb,
John Murphy,	Margaret Eager,
James Driscoll,	Cora M. Slocomb,
John Francis,	Bessie M. Brimmer,
	Miss Mary Clements.

The name with the star denotes the person deceased.

Interest on Personal Property,	.	.	.	\$105 86
“ Real Estate,	.	.	.	300 00
Overseers' orders,	.	.	.	3,141 45

\$3,547 31

1094 tramps at an expense of . \$382 90

Supporting the average of 18 paupers, at \$3 38 per week.

There is now due from the State for Mrs. Michael Connell,				\$1 50
“	“	“	Mary Regan,	22 72
“	“	“	John Spencer,	8 50
“	“	“	Benj. Freely,	11 25
“	“	“	Hannah Thompson,	6 00
“	“	“	C. H. Carson,	1 75
“	“	“	Frank Pendle,	4 00
“	,	“	James Devlin,	13 05
“	“	“	Boston, “ Josephine Swintson,	7 00
“	“	“	Salem, “ W. H. Bachelder,	8 00
“	“	“	Hanover, “ Geo. O. Sampson,	55 71
“	“	“	Orleans, “ R. A. Sloan,	10 00
“	“	“	Saugus, “ J. T. B. Hall,	20 25
“	“	“	Somerville,	4 00
Total,				\$173 73

Bills due against the Town, March 1, 1878, \$90 00.

There are several small amounts, accruing since January first, due to other towns, not rendered, and probably about equal sums to our credit; so, that the final result will not differ, materially, from the foregoing statement.

One death has occurred at the Farm House during the year among the inmates, and there has been more or less sickness,—one of the females, at present, seriously, if not permanently, indisposed.

The army of “Tramps” has steadily increased, and we find upon our roll 1094 of these uninvited guests of the town,

for the past twelve months—exceeding last year's record by nearly three hundred, and causing an increased expense to the department.

The past year has proved to be one of unusual severity to the poor. The extended depression in nearly all branches of business throughout the country, and particularly in our local industries, has forced the more necessitous to apply to the Overseers for temporary relief. It has been our endeavor not to enlarge this account beyond the plainest demands of humanity. In this connection we cannot forbear to express the hope, that through some measure of practical co-operation among the several boards of town officers, all able bodied persons receiving municipal aid may be enabled to make return for the same, in some form of faithful service.

Mr. Ira Wiley, Jr., was elected one of the Overseers at the annual meeting. Through his death, which occurred early in the season, the principal duties of the board, for the year, have, necessarily, devolved upon us. This sad event deprived the town of an efficient and faithful officer and his associates on the board of a valued adviser. We desire to record our appreciation of his many virtues.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS N. WHITE, } Overseers of the
WM. F. YOUNG, } town of Wakefield.

COLLECTORS' STATEMENTS.

Tax of 1875.

OTIS V. WATERMAN, *Collector.*

Uncollected balance as per last report, . . .	\$4,945 96
Received as interest,	550 86
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	\$5,496 82
 Paid Town Treasurer, . . . \$4,821 09	
Abated by Assessors,. . . 675 73	
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	\$5,496 82

Tax of 1876.

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector.*

Uncollected balance as per last report, . . .	\$10,308 86
Received as interest,	390 64
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	\$10,699 50
 Paid Town Treasurer, . . . \$6,474 89	
Abated by Assessors, . . . 101 92	
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	6,576 81
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Balance uncollected, . . .	\$4,122 69

Tax of 1877.

RICHARD BRITTON, *Collector*.

Total amount assessed,	\$52,226 83
Received as interest,	37 45
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					\$52,264 28
Paid Town Treasurer,	.			\$40,364 89	
Abated by Assessors,	.	.		663 88	
Discounts allowed,	.	.		1,846 44	
				<hr/>	42 875 21
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Balance uncollected,	.	.			\$9,389 07

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAS. F. EMERSON, *Treas. in acct. with* TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.
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To cash balance in Treasury, March 5, 1877,	\$6,693 94
hired on Town Notes,	23,000 00
release of tax deeds,	808 49
interest received on taxes and loans,	268 73
F. Williams, Auctioneer license,	2 00
income Town Hall,	401 07
Daniel Norcross, Auctioneer license	2 00
Sale of Town History,	35 00
Richard Britton, collector, 1876,	6,474 89
“ “ “ 1877,	40,364 89
land rent,	25 00
liquor licenses,	450 00
C. H. Derby, highway surveyor, unex- pended balance of 1876,	54
State Treasurer, pauper account,	25 65
O. V. Waterman, collector, 1875,	4,821 09
Circus License,	10 00
Sale of common grass,	20 00
“ park fence,	75
W. G. Skinner, Auctioneer license,	2 00
Henry Davis, “ “	2 00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	2,059 47
“ “ National Bank tax,	1,686 58
“ “ State aid,	1,800 00
“ “ Armory rent,	250 00
“ “ School fund,	220 01
First District Court, (fines, &c.),	10 00
L. H. Tasker, on account of rental for first four years of Crystal Lake, lease dated March 1, 1876,	5 00
from sale of gravel,	17 50
County Treasurer, dog tax,	337 03
from Board of Engineers,	25 00
First District Court, lockup fees,	6 00
J. M. Cate, in settlement of armory rent,	151 60
	\$89,976 23

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By Cash paid, Town orders,	\$30,542 39
“ Principal on Loan,	38,000 00
“ interest,	7,340 28
“ release deeds,	18 25
“ State Treasurer, 1-4 liquor license receipts,	112 50
“ O. V. Waterman, Collector, 1874 and 5, for deeds of real estate, sold for taxes,	1,062 32
“ for register of deeds,	13 60
“ State aid account,	1,909 00
“ Saugus tax,	4 00
“ State tax,	3,810 00
“ “ Bank tax,	779 55
“ County tax,	2,233 73
“ School Committee, State school fund,	220 01
“ Library Trustees, interest on Flint memorial fund,	60 00
“ Overseers of Poor, State pauper receipts,	25 65
“ F. G. Coker, Lockup fees,	6 00
balance cash in Treasury,	3,838 95
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	\$89,976 23

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Amount as per audit, March 5, 1877,	\$116,600 00
since hired by Treasurer,	23,000 00
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	\$139,600 00
Amount paid since March 5, 1877,	38,000 00
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Total Loans,	\$101,600 00

Loans are now held, March 5, 1878, as follows :

Hon. Otis Norcross, due April 27, 1878,	. \$8,000 00
State Treasurer, due May 1, 1879,	. 10,000 00
Henry Bancroft Estate, due Oct. 10, 1880,	. 15,000 00
State Treasurer, due May 20, 1881,	. 19,600 00
Bonds to Bearer, 1,000 each, due June 1, 1881,	19,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ May 1, 1882,	30,000 00
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Total,	. . . \$101,600 00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes and Bonds bearing interest, March 5, 1878,	\$101,600 00
Accrued Interest on Notes and Bonds to this date,	2,001 17
ue on State Aid Pension account,	47 00
Outstanding Town Orders,	556 88
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Total Liabilities,	\$104,205 05
Cash balance in Treasury,	\$3,838 95
Due from State on account of State aid, as per return, Dec. 31, 1877,	1,888 50
Tax deeds held by Treasurer,	1,159 27
Due on Tax List, 1876,	4,122 68
“ “ 1877,	9,389 07
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Total assets,	\$20,398 47
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Net debt,	\$83,806 58
Net Debt as per report last year,	94,796 81
Net Debt as per report this year,	83,806 58
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Decrease since 1877 report,	\$10,990 23

LIST OF TAX DEEDS NOW HELD BY TOWN
TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

	Tax.	Date of Deeds.		
Rodney Edmands,	1873,	Oct. 23,	1874,	\$6 48
Rodney Edmands,	1873,	Oct. 23,	1874,	28 01
James French,	1873,	Oct. 23,	1874,	5 97
John McLoud,	1873,	Aug. 31,	1875,	7 95
John McLoud,	1873,	Aug. 31,	1875,	7 95
Walcott & Young,	1873,	Oct. 23,	1874,	5 97
J. W. Bancroft,	1874,	Aug. 3,	1876,	6 47
Rodney Edmands,	1874,	Aug. 3,	1876,	29 98
Rodney Edmands,	1874,	Aug. 3,	1876,	7 03
John Minniken,	1874,	Aug. 3,	1876,	14 30
John McLoud,	1874,	Aug. 31,	1875,	8 12
John McLoud,	1874,	Aug. 31,	1875,	8 12
Isaac W. Silloway,	1874,	Aug. 3,	1876,	18 23
Geo. W. Turner,	1874,	Aug. 3,	1876,	12 06
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31,	1875,	24 00
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31,	1875,	18 00
C. Wakefield Estate,	1874,	Aug. 31,	1875,	25 00
Albert Day,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	30 51
John Hill,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	15 44
Geo. H. Jackson,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	32 18
Geo. Kempton,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	7 06
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	18 78
Thos. Lord,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	99 16
Edward Mansfield,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	22 14
Caroline R. Nichols,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	75 72
Andrew J. Perham,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	43 90
A.J.Perham, W.W.Bessey	1875,	July 6,	1877,	27 15
Geo. W. Turner,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	10 41
C. Wakefield Estate,	1875,	July 6,	1877,	543 18

\$1,159 27

STATE AID.

Amount allowed various individuals for year

ending March 1, 1878, . . . \$1890 00

Balance due from Treas., March 1, 1877, 66 00

————— \$1956 00

The Treas. has paid of the above amount, 1909 00

Due from Treas. to March 1, 1878, . 47 00

————— \$1956 00

The amounts which have been paid each person appear in the following statement :

Israel F. Barnes,	\$60 00	Sarah S. Mason,	48 00
Elizabeth Bateman,	12 00	Elizabeth Moses,	44 00.
W. W. Bessey,	84 00	Johanna Orpin,	48 00
Mary V. Brown,	48 00	Esther S. Parker,	56 00
E. C. Bryant, Guardian of		William D. Parker,	40 50
W. C. Bryant,	140 00	Lucy Poland,	48 00
Augusta M. Chandler,	48 00	John P. Ross,	28 00
Eliza N. Clifford,	48 00	John S. Sargent,	22 00
Thomas W. Coombs,	84 00	Lydia Sweetser,	48 00
Mary A. Curtis,	8 00	Sarah Sweetser,	48 00
John Davis,	100 00	Geo. W. Townsend,	144 00
Victor Eaton,	72 00	John Whitford,	7 00
Rodney Edmands,	60 00	Geo. N. Whiting,	54 00
Alexander Flanders,	44 00	Geo. H. Wiley,	78 00
Orlando N. Gammons,	24 00	John Wiley, 2nd,	67 50
Micah Heath,	96 00	Hiram Woodis,	102 00
Needham C. Hunter,	24 00		
George H. Jackson,	18 00		
Lucinda Locke,	56 00		
			————— \$1,909 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen present the following report of their action upon matters within their province, for the municipal year, now closing :

STREETS.

New Salem Street. — The small unexpended balance (\$6.38) of the appropriation for this street remaining from last year, has been worked out upon the street.

A petition for a town way from Salem to Sweetser street, signed by Wm. K. Perkins and others, was received, and a hearing had, but the Board declined to report the same to the town, on account of the excessive land damages demanded, believing that the advantages to be derived from the new street would not compensate the town for its high cost.

A petition was also presented for the laying out of Oak street, so-called, from Lake to Albion street, but the large expense of building the same, taken in connection with the few to be benefitted by it, has induced your Board to withhold a report in its favor.

Upon the petition of James J. Mansfield and others for the laying out, and building, a town way over the private way leading from Main to Water street, your Board have not reported on account of the large expense to which the town would be put for land damages; removal of buildings and construction of the road, although we fully realize the benefit to the travelling public of the proposed new road when it is built.

Bennett Street. — This street has been raised, widened and graded, in accordance with the vote of the town, at an expense of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Richardson Street.—This street has also been raised and graded, as per vote of the town, at an expense of one hundred and five dollars and seventy-seven cents.

PERAMBULATION OF THE TOWN LINES.

The perambulation of the line between Wakefield and Reading was made in October, and the bound stones found in proper order.

In the perambulation of the line between Wakefield and Stoneham, the bound stones were found in proper order with one exception; this has been replaced with a new stone, at an expense of eight dollars and fifteen cents (half cost.)

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide-boards have been placed upon Green, Water, Pleasant, Vernon, and New Salem streets. We are not aware of any others being required at present.

SAUGUS RIVER.

The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated by the town for changing the channel of Saugus river, so that it should become the boundary line between Wakefield and Lynnfield, but an examination of the ground showed that a much larger sum would be necessary for that purpose, and therefore, the money was placed to the credit of the Fish Committee for opening the old channel, and removing the obstructions to the passage of fish.

LICENSES.

Under the Act of April 5th, 1875, a fourth class, or drug-gist license, was granted to J. D. Mansfield and Wm. H. Piper, and second and third class licenses were granted to Isaac Barton, Aaron Butler, George Cox, William O. Evans, Thomas Lally, Mary Cox, and Mary Welch, for the sale of malt liquors, cider and light wines, and the license fees, amounting to four hundred and fifty dollars, were paid into the town treasury.

TOWN HISTORIES.

Sixty-three copies of the Town History remained on hand at the close of the last year. Of these, thirty-five have been sold during the year, and the proceeds (\$35.00) paid to the Town Treasurer.

ARMORY RENT.

The balance due from John M. Cate (\$151.60) in settlement of Armory rent, has been paid to the Town Treasurer, and a new contract has been entered into between Mr. Cate and the Selectmen, for the use of the Armory hall and ante-rooms, at a rent of \$350 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)	JAMES OLIVER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
	R. L. MURKLAND,		<i>of</i>
	B. B. BURBANK,		<i>Wakefield.</i>

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The following is the valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, taxed in this town May 1st, 1877 :

Real Estate,	\$3,205,370 00
Personal "	711,585 00
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	\$3,916,955 00
Residents' bank stock, (National Bank of So. Reading,)	47,725 00
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Total valuation,	\$3,964,680 00
Whole number of Polls, 1310.	
Tax, \$2 00	2,620 00
Rate of taxation, \$12,30 per \$1,000 00	
Total amount assessed, including residents' bank stock and overlay,	\$51,399 68
Whole number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	1,043
" " " Horses " "	264
" " " Cows " "	200
" " " Acres of Land " "	3,914 3-4
Value of Real Estate and Machinery of Corporations,	\$421,870 00
Value of Real Estate in Wakefield exempted by law from taxation,	\$144,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)	JAMES OLIVER,	} Assessors of Wakefield.
	DAVID PERKINS,	
	J. S. EATON,	

Wakefield, March 2, 1878.

ENGINEERS' REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1878.

The Fire Department consists of two hand Engines, one Hook and Ladder Truck, one Chemical Engine with twenty-five hundred feet of hose, all in good condition.

The Board appointed eighty-seven members, divided as follows:—Yale Engine Co., fifty-seven men; Washington Hook and Ladder Co., twenty men; Chemical Engine Co., twelve men.

At a meeting of the Board of Engineers, held in May last, a committee from the C. Wakefield Engine Company informed the Board that the members wanted pay for their services the coming year. We advised them to lay the matter before the town at the next meeting, as we understood the appropriation committee did not include the payment of the C. Wakefield Company.

FIRES.

The losses during the past year have been small compared with previous years. Following is a list of fires for the year ending March 1st, 1878:

June 5. Dwelling house at Woodville, loss \$400.

June 10. Shed connected with Osgood's factory on Albion street, loss \$40.

Aug. 3. In dwelling house corner of Bryant and Vernon streets, loss \$5.

Aug. 16. Stack of hay on Bennett street.

Dec. 4. Dwelling house on Prospect street near Stoneham line, loss \$400.

The Engineers caused a well to be built near the Yale Engine house at a cost of \$36.90.

Also purchased 100 feet of hose for the Chemical Engine, at a cost of \$20.32.

The Board would recommend the town to appropriate the sum of \$120, for the purpose of painting, papering and carpeting the Hall of the Yale Engine House.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. F. LITTLEFIELD,	}	<i>Engineers.</i>
H. L. DAY,		<i>of the</i>
C. H. DAVIS,		<i>Fire Department.</i>

POLICE REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the town of Wakefield :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report of the doings of the Police force for the year ending March 1, 1878.

Whole number of arrests,	118
Arrested for carrying concealed weapons,	1
“ violation of Town By-Law,	1
“ obtaining goods by false pretences,	1
“ stubborn child,	1
“ unlawfully fishing,	1
“ bastardy,	1
“ contempt of court,	1
“ adultery,	1
“ capias for witness,	1
“ arson,	2
“ breaking and entering,	3
“ surety of the peace,	3
“ insanity,	3
“ violation of dog law, for keeping dog	
without license,	4
“ keeping unmuzzled dog,	4
“ disturbing the peace,	4
“ cruelty to animals,	5
“ unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors,	7
“ vagrancy,	7
“ larceny,	12

Arrested for malicious mischief,	.	.	.	.	15
“ drunkenness,	.	.	.	.	19
“ assault and battery,	.	.	.	.	21

Tramps to the number of 35 have been furnished lodgings at the lockup during the year.

I would suggest in this connection that an additional room be finished to be used in conjunction with the lockup for this class of wanderers, and to rid the almshouse of a nuisance.

I am, gentlemen, very truly, your obedient servant,

DANIEL CAREY,

WAKEFIELD, March 1, 1878.

Chief of Police.

FISH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In presenting our second annual report we desire to express our gratification at the cordial manner in which our efforts have been seconded by the people; exceptions have been met with of course, but those very exceptions have been so presented in contrast to our general experience, as to exhibit their authors in so narrow-minded and selfish a light as to make us more keenly appreciate the public spirit and good will of the majority.

When we presented our last report it was understood that all the fishways on the Saugus River were to be completed early in April last. Messrs. Pranker & Co., of Saugus, had theirs completed at that time, but as Mr. Scott, the owner of the dam *below* theirs, did not complete his until June, theirs, of course, was useless until that time. Mr. Philip Hone, the owner of the next dam *above* Pranker's, was given his choice by Mr. Brackett of the State Commission to either build a fishway over his dam or hoist his gate and give the fish the natural channel of the river during the time they are usually running. He preferred to do the latter, and last year, as soon as the fishways below were completed, we requested him to hoist it, which he did very readily, and it is expected that he will hoist it again this spring as soon as it is time for the fish to begin running. The next dam above his is the one in Montrose. It is owned by Messrs. Pranker & Co., of Saugus, who built a fishway there as soon as they were furnished with plans. The next and last dam on this river is at the saw mill on Vernon street; it is owned by Mr. W. A. Kenrick, who has arranged the waste gate so that there is no necessity for a fishway at this dam.

During the past year that portion of the river which was so nearly filled as to prevent the passage of fish, has been

thoroughly cleaned out; the town of Lynnfield paying one-half the expense of cleaning that portion of it which is on the line between the two towns, and this town the balance.

Considering the fact that one year since it was impossible for migratory fish to ascend this river beyond Scott's dam in Saugus, and that to-day they have an unobstructed passage-way to Lake Quannapowitt, this town has reason to congratulate itself on the progress it has made in this important branch of industry. Now that our river has been reopened, it is capable of being so restocked with useful fishes that at their proper season all may have an opportunity to catch and consume. Once it was possible for every family in this town to take a supply of alewives from this river each year, but this is no longer the case; but in a few years it can be so restocked that it will furnish to all not only an abundance of these fish, but probably of shad and salmon.

LAKE QUANNAPOWITT.

As directed by vote of the town, we have taken, in its behalf, a lease of this lake *for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes*, for the term of fifteen years from May 1st, 1877. The conditions in the lease are, that *no* fishing shall be allowed during the first four and last one year of said term, and that at least one hundred black bass of an average weight of at least one and one-half pounds each should be placed in the lake alive and in good condition during the first year of the lease; this last condition has been complied with. Immediately after the lease was received, notices were posted in the vicinity of the lake, stating that it had been leased, and that any person fishing therein previous to May 1st, 1881, would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Thus far we have had but one violation of this condition, which was promptly disposed of, and sincerely hope that it will not be again violated, as our fish and fisheries are the capital of the town, and we are all interested in their preservation alike, and it is the duty of every good citizen to see that this condition of the lease is lived up to.

ALEWIVES.

In May last we placed about two hundred of these fish in the lake; they were taken from Strawberry Brook in Lynn, at no expense to us except for transportation, (the Fish Commissioners of that city very kindly giving us permission to take them on the days when fishing was prohibited on that stream.) These fish during the summer spawned in the lake, and in September their young left it by the thousand for the salt water. Next year it will be necessary to place another lot of them in the lake, as the young females do not return to where they were bred until they are two or three years old, and it is exceedingly doubtful if any of the old ones which we placed there last year reach our water again this year. It seems to be the opinion of many that in opening a river for the passage of fish, that all that it is necessary to do, is to simply build fishways over its dams, and that when this is done the fish will run to its headwaters of their own accord; this is not so, the instincts of migratory fishes teaches them to return to the place where they were bred. All of these fish in this river, previous to 1877, were bred below Pranker & Co.'s dam, and there they returned; now and then one might have, and probably did, find its way through the fishways in Saugus, but this was the exception rather than the rule, but no alewives reached our lake except those that were carried there.

SHAD.

We expected before this to have our river stocked with these fish; the State Commissioners promised to supply us with about fifty thousand of their young last July, but our name being unfortunately the last on the list, and the supply of adult fish falling short unexpectedly, they were obliged to suspend operations at the hatching station at South Hadley. Falls before reaching our order, but we have been promised a supply for this year, and trust that we shall not again be disappointed.

CALIFORNIA SALMON.

In December last we placed about ten thousand of these fish in the river, which, with the lot placed there in 1876, makes upward of twenty thousand of this valuable variety of fish which have been placed in this river during the last two years. Their introduction to a stream of this size is an experiment, and it is to be hoped that it will prove successful, but time alone will decide it. It is intended to keep on placing them there each year until *it is* decided, which will probably be in about four years. These fish stand the extremes of heat and cold far better than the Atlantic Salmon, and for that reason it is thought that their introduction to a stream of this size will be successful.

BLACK BASS.

In July last we contracted for two hundred and fifty of these fish, with which to stock our lake ; on August 30th we received thirty-three of them (four of which afterward died) ; September 25th, one hundred and fifteen ; October 25th, one hundred and fifteen more, making in all two hundred and fifty-nine of them that were placed in Lake Quannapowitt alive and in good condition. They weighed from three-fourths of a pound to five pounds each, which is a very good stock for a lake of this size, and by the time it is open to fishing it cannot help being well stocked with these fish, which not only afford good sport for the angler, but good solid food for the table.

LAND-LOCKED SALMON.

In May last we placed upward of six thousand of the fry of these fish in the lake ; as they have not, to our knowledge, been seen since, it is impossible to tell anything about them. That in Maine, the home of these fish, they do well in lakes inhabited by pickerel is well known, but whether they will succeed in lakes inhabited by both pickerel and bass remains to be seen, but it is thought that they will. We have been promised still another lot of them for this spring, and it is to be hoped that their introduction to our lake will be success-

ful, as they are a very gamey fish, and as good, if not better, eating than the Sea Salmon.

During the month of May, it will, in our opinion, be desirable to stock the lake with fresh water Smelts; these fish can be obtained in any desired quantity; the only expense is for catching and transportation, which for the quantity we want will probably not exceed thirty dollars.

It will also be necessary to place another lot of Alewives in the lake this spring, the expense of which will not exceed twenty-five dollars.

The expense of transporting the Shad, which have been ordered, will be about thirty dollars.

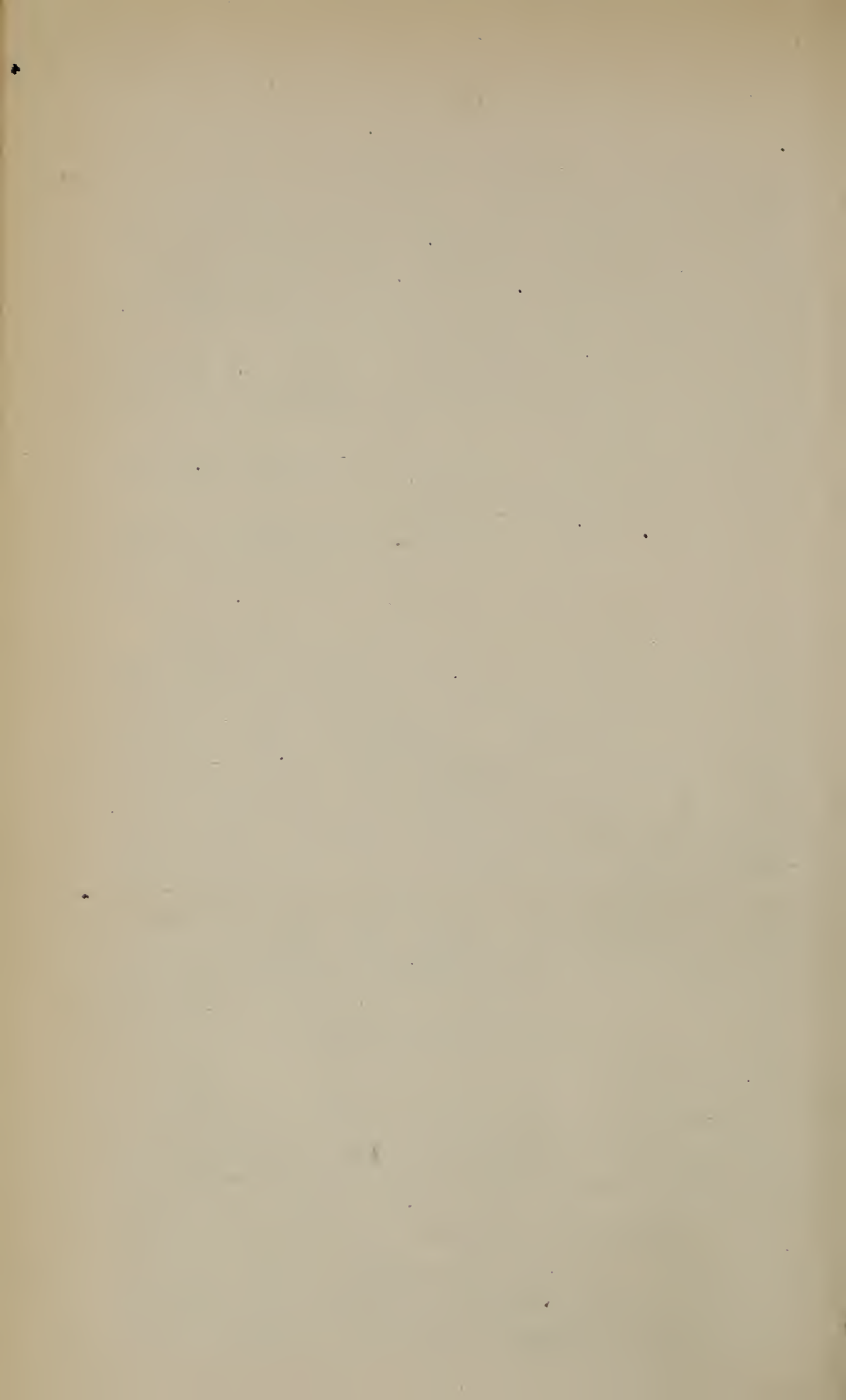
As we have a balance of about forty-five dollars on hand, an appropriation of fifty dollars will be sufficient for stocking the river and lake as here suggested, and for the necessary expenses of the Fish Committee during the ensuing year.

It is to us a matter of gratification that our river and lake are so well stocked with valuable fishes that they cannot fail of yielding a large return in valuable food and in innocent recreation, but let us not stop here, but endeavor by the introduction of new varieties to so stock our waters that they will furnish us with food that will suit all tastes. The only expense is the first outlay, which in this case is quite small; their growth and increase after they are once introduced will cost us nothing; nature supplies their food, and man is relieved from any further trouble about them. It is also gratifying to us that we have not only stocked the river and lake with a much larger number of fish than was at first intended, but have been able to keep within the appropriation made by the town.

In conclusion we will say that it has been our effort to so protect and develop the interests consigned to our care, that they may become an increased source of wealth to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR STOWELL,	}	<i>Fish</i>
CHESTER P. POLAND,		
THOMAS GOULD,		
		<i>Committee.</i>



STATISTICS

FROM

TOWN CLERK'S REGISTER.

Births Registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

No.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Date of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
1	Ricker, Martha May.....	Female.....	January 4....	Geo. E. and Hattie M. (Pearson).....	Show case manuf'r.
2	McCormick, Kate.....	".....	6....	Frank and Mary (Collins).....	Laborer.
3	Welsh, James.....	Male.....	7....	Bartholomew and Kate (Quinn).....	Blacksmith.
4	O'Connell, John F.....	".....	18....	Jeremiah and Margaret (Lynch).....	Teamster.
5	Greany, Mary.....	Female.....	25....	Patrick and Margaret (Greany).....	Laborer.
6	Millerick, Johanna.....	".....	29....	James and Johanna (Trahey).....	Laborer.
7	Greenough, William Weare.....	Male.....	29....	William S. and Elizabeth M. (Noyes).....	Stationer.
8	Regan, Francis E.....	".....	February 3....	Timothy and Mary (Lyons).....	Teamster.
9	Linnell, Lulu May.....	Female.....	9....	Arthur S. and Ida M. (Wiley).....	Chair maker.
10	Campbell, Charles C.....	Male.....	13....	James and Mafalda A. (Lenfest).....	Teamster.
11	Perry, Mabel Inez.....	Female.....	13....	Austin E. and Clara A. (Reed).....	Machinist.
12	Dodge, Edgar Adams.....	Male.....	17....	Arthur P. and Elizabeth A. (Day).....	Broker.
13	Cann, Mabel.....	Female.....	20....	Thomas and Aurelia (Traister).....	Machinist.
14	Morgan, Agnes.....	".....	23....	Hugh and Mary (Orpin).....	Mason.
15	Kendall, Ida May.....	".....	25....	Alvah S. and Harriet A. (Worthley).....	Cabinet maker.
16	Russell, Emma S.....	".....	27....	Joseph W. and Annie (Egan).....	Laborer.
17	Abbott, Charles F.....	Male.....	March 1....	Oscola H. and Flora H. (Parker).....	Paper hanger.
18	Taylor, Mary Ann.....	Female.....	3....	John and Elizabeth (Burns).....	Trader.
19	Curley, William Thomas.....	Male.....	3....	Martin J. and Ellen V. (Perkins).....	Laborer.
20	Maloney, Patrick.....	".....	5....	John J. and Maria (Heuley).....	Laborer.
21	Shanahan, Agnes M.....	Female.....	6....	Jeremiah J. and Mary J. (Monahan).....	Commission merch't.
22	Edgecomb, Nettie Ray.....	".....	10....	Charles H. and Sadie F. (Ripley).....	Brush maker.
23	White, Grace Stearns.....	".....	16....	John W. and Henrietta M. (Stearns).....	Merchant.
24	Kenney, Charlotte.....	".....	23....	Patrick and Bridget (Magninis).....	Laborer.
25	Cheney, Grace Lillian, } twins.....	".....	23....	Charles A. and Ellen F. (Coon).....	News dealer.
26	Cheney, Ernest Linwood, }	Male.....	24....	Michael and Hannah (Barrett).....	Carpenter.
27	Kennedy, Julia.....	Female.....	24....	Arthur E. and Phebe A. (Mears).....	Razor-strop maker.
28	Holt, Lilla Eaton.....	".....	April 8....	Benjamin F. and Harriet M. (Partridge).....	Draughtsman.
29	Holbrook, Harry Loramer.....	Male.....	15....	James and Johanna (McDonald).....	Weaver.
30	Anderson, James.....	".....	16....	John and Julia (Barry).....	Laborer.
31	Downing, John.....	".....	19....	Frederic W. and Lizzie A. (Linnell).....	Expressman.
32	Hentz, Frederic Linnell.....	".....	19....	George H. and Nellie F. (Pratt).....	Salesman.
33	Stowell, Alice May.....	Female.....	21....	Henry S. and Mary E. (Ryan).....	Clerk.
34	Ruggies, Alicia.....	".....	May 5....	William and Annie (Mulrey).....	Laborer.
35	Sweeney, Mary Ann.....	".....	10....	Frank E. and Carrie O. (Hale).....	Canvasser.
36	Newhall, Frank Edson.....	Male.....	12....	Albert J. and Lizzie L. (White).....	Canvasser.
37	Hudson, Lena Mabel.....	Female.....	12....	J. Frank and M. Ella (Winship).....	Dentist.
38	Newman, Ethel.....	".....	19....		

39	Landers, Charlotte M.	Female	May	21....	John and Margaret (Welsh).	Laborer.
40	Reardon, John W.	Male		25....	Patrick and Mary (Whelan).	"
41	Morrison, Cora Addie.	Female		26....	Charles H. and Ida M. (Earle).	Carpenter.
42	Counihan, John E.	Male		29....	Cornelius C. and Mary C. (Ryan).	Baker.
43	Taylor, Warren V.	"	June	5....	Warren V. and Susie E. (Cutler).	Meat Dealer.
44	Downs, John W.	"		7....	Patrick and Kate (Atkinson).	Laborer.
45	Ronan, Arthur Owen.	"		19....	Michael and Mary (Flannery).	Shoe Maker.
46	Williamson, Jennie M.	Female		22....	James and Isabella (Kee).	Basket Maker.
47	Williamson, Mary Ethel.	"		22....		"
48	Coakley, John F.	Male		23....	Michael and Annie (Curran).	Laborer.
49	Buckley, Clarence Eaton.	"		27....	Samuel and Ella E. (Eaton).	Millwright.
50	Hicks, Catherine A.	Female		30....	Thomas and Annie (Connell).	Laborer.
51	Lally, Mary Ann.	"	July	1....	Thomas and Ann (Connors).	"
52	Darling, Robert.	Male		1....	David H. and Mary H. (Evans).	Banking.
53	Tyler, Annie R.	Female		10....	John H. and Mary C. (Peabody).	Shoemaker.
54	Hamilton, George G.	Male		10....	Charles E. and Maggie (Mahoney).	Watchmaker.
55	Cobb, Sarah Gray.	Female		15....	Benjamin B. and Sarah M. (Curtis).	Moulder.
56	Fairbanks, Martha G.	"		15....	Zephaniah F. and Katie (Crowley).	Painter.
57	Poland, George M.	Male		16....	J. Warren and Ella M. (Morrison).	Salesman.
58	White, Sarah Edith.	Female		17....	Ira E. and Sarah I. (Pear).	Musician.
59	Coffey, John M.	Male		18....	John V. and Bridget A. (Lynch).	Clerk.
60	Daniels, Bertha Ellen.	Female		18....	William B. and Margaret J. (Armour).	Machinist.
61	Ahlert, Albert W.	Male		26....	William and Elizabeth (Dacy).	Weaver.
62	McDougal, Eva P.	Female		30....	Chester A. and Mary P. (Dean).	Moulder.
63	Howland, Oliver Watts.	Male	August	6....	William J. and Emma F. (Perkins).	Druggist.
64	Staples, Dana P.	"		8....	Moses and Mary A. (Parker).	Carpenter.
65	Abern, Barbara.	Female		9....	John and Catherine (Connell).	Laborer.
66	Beebe, Cyrus Frederic.	Male		12....	Lucius M. and Mary E. (Speck).	Merchant.
67	Haskell, E. Harry.	"		13....	Henry L. and Sarah Ann (Newhall).	Carpenter.
68	Crowley, Julia F.	Female		22....	Peter and Hannah (McCarty).	Laborer.
69	Foley, Thomas.	Male		23....	Patrick and Ellen (Horgan).	Laborer.
70	Shanahan, Alice.	Female		30....	Daniel E. and Elizabeth A. (Wallace).	Laborer.
71	Anderson, Arthur Oscar.	Male		31....	Andrew G. and Augusta (Odman).	Chainmaker.
72	Gammons, Warren H.	"	Sept.	9....	Herbert W. and Mary A. (Armstrong).	Moulder.
73	Parks, Maud.	Female		10....	Clarence A. and Helen S. (French).	Attorney.
74	O'Connell, John W.	Male		13....	Thomas and Catherine (Lehey).	Laborer.
75	Kirby, Eleanor.	Female		15....	Thomas and Abbie M. (Aborn).	Engineer.
76	Haskell, Frederic White.	Male		17....	Henry and Abbie A. (Taylor).	Shoe manufacturer.
77	Butler, Abbie Estelle.	Female		23....	John and Ellen J. (Lyman).	Trader.
78	Kirk, Lawrence H.	Male		29....	William and Mary (Connell).	Salesman.
79	Greany, Mary.	Female		30....	Thomas and Mary A. (Shaughnessy).	Laborer.
80	Hopkins, Mary F.	"	Oct.	2....	Patrick and Charlotte (Manning).	Miner.
81	Landrigan, Mary.	Male		4....	Thomas J. and Harriet E. (Brown).	Laborer.
82	Skinner, Harvey Judson.	"		7....	William S. and S. Belle (Caldwell).	Wholesale grocer.
83	Atherton, William C.	Female		7....	Dennis and Ellen (Daley).	Grocer.
84	Daley, Annie E.	Female		9....		Farmer.

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No.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Date of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
85	Cutler, Emma C.	Female.....	Oct. 14....	David C. and Estella A. (Mead).....	Grocer.
86	Freeby, Annie.....	"	16....	Benjamin and Johanna (Maloney).....	Laborer.
87	Jenkins, Ethel May.....	"	19....	Charles W. and Martha M. (Potter).....	Provision dealer.
88	Kendrick, Alfred W.....	Male.....	19....	Lewis J. and Theresa (Willis).....	Farmer.
89	Sweetser, Adelaide E.....	Female.....	26....	Edward N. and Eugenie (Wheelock).....	Shoe maker.
90	Rideout, Arthur E.....	Male.....	2....	Henry M. and Addie P. (Wallace).....	Canvasser.
91	Barry, Elizabeth.....	Female.....	9....	William and Julia (McDonald).....	Seaman.
92	Hunt, Edgar.....	Male.....	12....	Daniel W. and Annie A. (Dobson).....	Expressman.
93	Pierce, Frederick H.....	"	18....	George H. and Eveline G. (McCurdy).....	Dentist.
94	Casey, Thomas J.....	"	20....	Francis and Bridget (Barrett).....	Clerk.
95	Cosman, Richard A.....	Female.....	21....	Frederic M. and Sarah A. (Stack).....	Stove mounter.
96	Brennan, Lottie Theresa.....	"	23....	Dennis and Mary (Eager).....	Laborer.
97	Harkins, Mary Lillian.....	Female.....	23....	John E. and Mary F. (McBride).....	Tailor.
98	Mansfield, Joseph H.....	Male.....	3....	Albert A. and Carrie E. (Newhall).....	Coal dealer.
99	Butler, Edmund.....	"	3....	Edmund and Mary (Desmond).....	Laborer.
100	Smith, Jennie E.....	Female.....	11....	Frank W. and Mary E. (Davis).....	Salesman.
101	Sullivan, Julia M.....	"	18....	Jeremiah and Honora (Healey).....	Shoe maker.
102	Mertens, Jennie.....	"	20....	John and Theresa (Brenal).....	Machinist.
103	Quigley, Robert Alexander.....	Male.....	31....	John and Letitia M. (Hodson).....	Shoe maker.

Births not registered in 1876.

No.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Date of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Regan, John.....		Male.....	May 10....	John and Hannah (Coakley).....	Weaver.
Mansfield, Alice A.....		Female.....	June 3....	Albert A. and Carrie A. (Newhall).....	Coal dealer.
Noonan, Ellen.....		"	Aug. 23....	James and Catherine (Mead).....	Laborer.
Sullivan, John F.....		Male.....	Oct. 18....	John and Mary J. (Welsh).....	Painter.
Devlin, Kate.....		Female.....	Nov. 17....	James and Annie A. (Comer).....	Tailor.

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Jan. 3 {	Warren, Edwin R. Leonard, Ellen R.	38 30	Wakefield Woolwich, Me.	Seaman.....	Topsham, Me. Woolwich, Me..	Edwin R. and Mary H. William and	First.... ".....	Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich, Me.
4 {	Pratt, Joseph A. Thayer, Mary H.	41 36	Brooklyn, N.Y. Wakefield	Shoe Manufacturer.	Bridgewater.... Boston	Leonard and Clarissa.... Charles E. and Nancy	First.... ".....	Rev. Austin S. Garver, Wakefield.
17 {	Wrisley, Charles F. Turnbull, Sarah S. J.	24 23	Quincy Wakefield	Salesman...	Quincy Wakefield	Charles E. and Eunice.... Alexander and Dorothy E.	First.... ".....	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
17 {	Richardson, Chas. H. Spinney, Flora.....	22 19	Stoneham ".....	Expressman.	Stoneham Reading	William H. and Susan N. Benjamin and Mary A.	First.... ".....	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
Feb. 13 {	Coakley, Michael J. Curran, Annie M.	23 20	Wakefield ".....	Laborer	Ireland..... Plymouth.....	John and Honora John and Annie.	First.... ".....	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
Mar. 17 {	Griffin, Harry W. Clough, F. E. (Griffin)	27 27	Lawrence ".....	Teamster...	Granby, Vt. Groveton, N. H.	Edward D. and Hannah M. Beriah and	First.... Second..	Rev. John Peterson, Wakefield.
31 {	Taylor, Henry A. Simonds, Inez J.	26 19	Wilmington .. ".....	Carpenter ..	Wilmington ".....	Elbridge and Abby L. Benjamin and Helen M.	First.... ".....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
{	Tucker, James L. Thurston, Elizabeth M.	24 25	Wakefield Lynnfield	Farmer.....	Salisbury, N. H. Alton, N. H.	Oliver N. and Elizabeth B. Miles and Eliza.....	First.... ".....	Rev. W. H. Hatch, Lynnfield.
April 9 {	Finnegan, Edward... O'Brien, Mary.....	21 21	Lawrence Wakefield	Hair-dresser	Lawrence Wakefield	Martin and Julia..... John and Mary	First.... ".....	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
15 {	Smith, William H. Doucett, Annie E.	23 18	Wakefield ".....	Stone-mason	Nova Scotia.... ".....	Luke and Jane..... John and Fanny.....	First.... ".....	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
21 {	Finney, Louis M. Bliss, Lizzie (Andrews)	22 30	Haverhill.... Boston.....	Shoemaker .	Carver Dover, N. H.	Benjamin and Ruth, E. Benjamin and Louisa.....	First.... Second..	Rev. Benjamin Finney, Wakefield.
May 8 {	Rutman, George W... Perkins, Katie.....	31 22	Wakefield Wenham.....	Rattan Worker.	Enfield, N. H. Wenham.....	Stephen and Lemira W. Daniel and Elsie J.	First.... ".....	Rev. Will. C. Wood, Wenham.

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May 19 {	Graham, Edward.... Mellett, Anne L.	27 22	Wakefield "	Musician ...	Montreal, Ca.... London, Eng...	Charles and Margaret..... Edward and Ann.....	First.... "	Rev. George Walker, Wakefield.
31 {	Hinkley, Eugene S.... Sherman, Lizzie.....	29 28	Wakefield Hampden, Me.	Bookkeeper.	Gardiner, Me... Hampden, " ...	David and Mary..... Micah and Eliza	First.... "	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
June 4 {	Whittemore, Gerry F.. Thomas Sarah L.	26 25	Wakefield "	Salesman...	Wakefield Yarmouth, Me.	Joshua and Catherine..... George W. and Eliza A.....	Second.. First....	Rev. Clark R. Moor, Wakefield.
10 {	Desmond, Timothy... Coughlan, Julia.....	32 27	Peabody..... Wakefield	Tanner	Ireland "	Daniel and Julia..... James and Ellen	First.... "	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
20 {	Measures, Alfred..... Welsh, Mary E.....	19 20	Wakefield "	Shoemaker..	Woburn..... Wakefield.....	Alfred and Caroline..... Patrick and Ellen.....	First.... "	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
21 {	Kent, J. Frank..... Rich, Carrie C.....	23 21	Wakefield Saugus	Mason.....	Wolboro, N. H.. Saugus	George W. and Mary F..... William H. and Louisa.....	First.... "	Rev. J. L. Hanaford, Reading.
30 {	Woods, John S..... Dimmock, Anna W...	45 21	Brookline.... "	Supt. of St. Lights.	Roxbury..... Templeton.....	John and Eunice.....	Second.. First....	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
July 18 {	Sheldon, Herbert F.. Stinson, M. Lizzie ..	22 22	Wakefield Stoneham....	Wire worker.	Wakefield..... Stoneham.....	Isaac F. and Lucy A..... John and Julia.....	First.... "	Rev. Edward Mills, Woburn.
25 {	Emerson, Howard B.. Young, Mary D. (Dove)	34 27	Boston "	Razor Strop Manuf?	Charlestown.... New York City.	Charles and Sarah B..... Henry and Henrietta.....	First.... Second..	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
26 {	Sullivan, Michael.... Donovan, Ann.....	29 27	Malden..... Wakefield ...	Tanner	Ireland "	John and Mary..... Cornelius and Mary.....	First.... "	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
30 {	Gove, Louis..... Gove, Eliza (Whiting)	37 29	Lynnfield.... "	Cook.....	Lynn Nahant	Jeremiah and Eliza..... Thomas P. and Harriet A.....	First.... Second..	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
Aug. 23 {	Barry, William..... McDonald, Julia.....	22 22	Wakefield "	Sailor.....	Ireland "	William and Eliza..... John and Mary.....	First.... "	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.

24 {	Buxton, Charles A....	26	No. Reading....	Cordwainer	No. Reading....	E. Bolles and Ruth.....	First....	Rev. Charles Keyser, Wakefield.
	Bachelder, Carrie F..	18	" "		" "	Josiah and Maria.....	" "	
28 {	Roby, Luther A., 2nd.	23	Nashua, N. H..	Draughtsman	Nashua, N. H..	Cyrus T. and Caroline T.....	First....	S. K. Hamilton, Justice of Peace, Wakefield.
	Lane, Addie C.....	22	Wakefield....		Wakefield....	David P. and Sarah G.....	" "	
Sept. 1 {	Emmons, D. Taylor..	38	Wakefield....	Carpenter..	Lynn, Me.....	Dimon and Jerusha.....	Second..	Rev. J. P. Sinonds, Bristol, Me.
	Yates, M. Louisa....	33	Round Pond, Me		Round Pond, Me	Alexander and Jane.....	First....	
19 {	Mansfield, William P.	23	Wakefield....	Chairmaker	Cambridgeport.	Elbridge G. and Elizabeth A....	First....	Rev. Thos. B. Thayer, Wakefield.
	Thomas, Carrie D....	22	" "		Yarmouth, Me..	George W. and Eliza Ann.....	" "	
12 {	Holden, Levi F.....	21	Stoneham....	Mason....		Amasa and Celia.....	First....	Rev. Quincy Whitney, Wakefield.
	Spurr, Minnie R.....	19	" "				" "	
Oct. 2 {	Frost, William H....	22	Wakefield....	Painter....	Marblehead....	Joseph and Hannah S.....	First....	Rev. J. V. Hilton, Boston.
	Wright, Mary L.....	18	" "		Charlestown....	Emery F. and Sophia B.....	" "	
Sept. 27 {	Harnden, John W....	23	Wakefield....	Barber....	Stonham....	James and Delia.....	First....	Rev. J. J. Lewis, So. Boston.
	Emma A. Hawkes....	20	Lynn.....		Lynn.....	William R. and Rebecca.....	" "	
Oct. 1 {	Stetson, Everett W...	29	Wakefield....	Expressman	[Me. Damariscotta, London, Eng..	Melvin and Lucy.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Batchelder, Mary E.	26	" "			George and Mary Rose.....	Second..	
15 {	McCarty, Charles....	35	Wakefield....	Laborer...	Ireland.....	Charles and Julia.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Riley, Margaret....	31	Lawrence....		" "		" "	
23 {	Low, John.....	25	Wakefield....	Book-keeper	Boston.....	James and Mary.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Gaffey, Rosanna F...	25	" "		Jamaica Plain..	Thomas and Rosa.....	" "	
Nov. 10 {	Upham, Arthur L....	24	Melrose.....	Mail-driver	Melrose.....	— Hannah A.....	First....	S. K. Hamilton, Justice of Peace, Wakefield.
	Rowe, Dolly E.....	19	" "		Stoneham.....	Amos and Jennie.....	" "	
5 {	Welch, Thomas....	20	Lowell.....	Laborer...	Wakefield....	Patrick and Ellen.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Chamberlain, Julia..	18	Wakefield....		Montreal, Ca...	Lewis and Mary.....	" "	
17 {	Doherty, Joseph B...	31	Stonham....	Currier....	Boston.....	John and Catherine.....	First....	Rev. M. F. Flatley, Wakefield.
	Hanglin, Mary E....	26	Wakefield....		E. " "	Jeremiah J. and Elizabeth.....	" "	
12 {	Wallace, William L..	33	Sandwich, NH	Shoe-maker	Sandwich, N. H.	John B. and Ann S.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Wallace, Addie.....	29	" "		" "	Charles B. and Serena.....	" "	
14 {	McNeill, Henry.....	28	Wakefield....	Chair-maker	Londonderry, Wakefield.....	Robert and Jerusha.....	First....	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
	Wilder, Helen F.....	27	" "			George and Mary.....	" "	

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Nov. 21 {	Manning, George E. Lovejoy, Ida M.....	24 22	Reading..... ".....	Laborer....	Richmond, N.H. Andover	Thomas and Martha. William and Laura.....	First.... ".....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
22 {	Childs, Austin P..... Parker, Harriet A....	30 32	Reading..... Wakefield	Farmer.....	Woburn..... Andover	Prentiss and Esther. Simcon and Fanny.....	First.... ".....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
28 {	Ritchie, Frank P..... Perham, Jessie A....	21 19	Chelsea	Moulder....	Roxbury	Alfred A. and Kate. Joshua A. and Mary.....	First.... ".....	Rev. Charles R. Bliss, Wakefield.
28 {	Wright, Dexter C..... Arrington, Abby A. (Weston).	37 38	Wakefield ".....	Milk dealer.	Wakefield	Nathaniel C. and Julia. Sumner and Electa.....	Third.... Second..	Rev. Wm. H. Willcox, Wakefield.
Dec. 18 {	Dennis, George M..... Noyes, Charlotte A....	29 19	Melrose	Merchant...	Rockland, Me.. Melrose.....	Selah G. and Bethiah.. Charles M. and Helen H.....	First.... ".....	Rev. Wm. W. Newton.. Boston.
23 {	Tuttle, Arthur S..... Knight, Clara A.....	19 17	Chelsea	Watchman .	Saugus	Andrew J. and Lucy B.....	First.... ".....	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
25 {	Taylor, Ezra B..... Butterfield, Carrie E.	22 19	Worcester.... Wakefield	Tailor	Tennese..... Wakefield	Burgess and Mary F..... William J. and Sarah J.....	First.... ".....	Rev. Wm. Pentecost, Worcester.
25 {	Shepard, James H.... Cate, Harriet A.....	25 26	Wakefield ".....	Civil Engineer.	Boston	Charles F. and Susan B.....	First.... ".....	Rev. Frederic Wood, Ipswich.
25 {	Delano, George B..... Cobb, Jennie A.....	21 21	Stonham..... Wakefield	Printer	Poland, Me..... Dorchester....	Otis B. and Margaret A..... Merrit M. and Janet.....	First.... ".....	Rev. C. W. Wilder, Stonham.
25 {	Stockbridge, Chas. A. Young, Estella M....	23 18	Wakefield ".....	Salesman...	Peru, Me..... Malden.....	Abijah W. and Joanna..... George E. and Sarah F.....	First.... ".....	Rev. E. A. Howard, Wakefield.
30 {	Taylor, Felix..... Deaven, Ellen.....	25 18	Wakefield Medford.....	Trader.....	London, Eng.. Brooklyn, N. Y.	William and Mary A..... Robert and Elizabeth	First.... ".....	Rev. Chas. L. Hutchins, Medford.

Deaths registered in the Town of Wakefield in 1877.

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Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.		Condition.	Occupation.	Birthplace.	Names of Parents.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Yrs.	Mos.					
Jan. 9	Towle, Mary Jane (Kirk).....	26	8	Married.....	.....	Wakefield	Joseph and Mary.....	Heart Disease.
9	McMahan.....	26	8	Married.....	.....	" .....	Thomas and Bridget.....	Loss of Vitality.
13	Jones, Maggie.....	13	9	Single .....	.....	Ireland	William and Agnes.....	Pneumonia.
21	Wheeler, Mary Skinner.....	71	4	Widow	Housewife.....	Wakefield	Thomas and Mary.....	Diabetes.
23	Morsman, Sarah F.....	30	2	Single .....	.....	Springvale, Me.	William H. and Abigail..	Spinal Disease.
27	Kenney, Katie E.....	32	1	" .....	.....	Wakefield	Patrick and Mary.....	Tuberculosis.
29	Brennan, John D.....	1	12	" .....	.....	" .....	Dennis and Mary.....	"
Feb. 2	Vinton, James.....	72	5	"	Farmer	"	John and Mary.....	Ossification of Heart.
3	Hicks, Rosa A.....	10	21	" .....	.....	" .....	Thomas and Annie.....	Convulsions.
18	Linnell, Lulu May.....	39	9	Married.....	Shoemaker	Ireland	Arthur P. and Ida M....	"
Mar. 6	Cox, Timothy.....	39	10	Single.....	.....	Wakefield	Thomas and Nancy.....	Consumption.
9	Kendall Ida M.....	70	3	Married.....	Physician.....	Readfield	Alvah S. and Hannah A..	Erysipelas.
9	Mann	30	7	Male.....	.....	Wakefield	Josiah H. and Emily A..	Still-born.
12	Whittier, True M.....	13	11	Single.....	.....	Wakefield	Moses and Lydia.....	Heart Disease.
25	O'Neil, Daniel J.....	48	11	Married.....	.....	East Boston	William and Hannah.....	Inflam. Bowels, Hem'ge
27	Potter, Fred Lawrence.....	79	11	Married.....	Fruit dealer	Ireland	James W. and Eliza A..	Heart Disease.
April 4	Scannell, David.....	11	19	Single.....	.....	No. Anson, Me.	Timothy and Margaret..	Pneumonia.
9	Savage, Abram M.....	13	8	Male.....	.....	Wakefield	Jacob and Hannah.....	Ossification of Heart.
11	Cann, Mabel.....	13	8	Single.....	.....	" .....	Thomas and Aurelia.....	Tabes.
12	Pettengill	7	29	Single.....	.....	Malden	Benjamin F. and Hattie A	Still-born.
13	Slocumb, Elizabeth E.....	1	28	" .....	.....	Wakefield	John W. and Rosilla T..	Consumption.
15	Regan, John M.....	22	7	" .....	.....	" .....	Patrick and Margaret...	Rheumatism.
18	Shanahan, Frank L.....	22	7	" .....	.....	" .....	Jeremiah J. and Mary..	Diphtheria.
25	Stout, Lizzie A.....	55	11	" .....	.....	Boston.....	John and Elizabeth.....	Consumption.
27	Fitzgerald, Lillian.....	20	11	" .....	.....	Canaan, N. H.....	Sam'l E. and Catherine L	Membranous Croup.
May 3	Dodge, Florence Jessie.....	81	1	Married.....	Shoemaker	New Boston, N.H.....	Simeon and Sarah A. C..	Consumption.
7	Wiley, Robert C.....	7	6	Single.....	.....	Wakefield	Robert	Old Age.
16	Rosson, Mabel D.....	74	1	" .....	.....	" .....	Patrick and Bridget.....	Bronchitis.
25	Welsh, Daniel.....	6	8	" .....	.....	Watertown	Charles P. and Emma....	Inflammation of Brain.
June 1	Twiss, Lynda.....	64	9	"	Shoemaker	Wakefield	James and Mary.....	Scarlet Fever.
3	Toomey, Delia.....	64	9	Married.....	.....	Middleton	Elias and Sally.....	Paralysis.
9	Curtis, Andrew.....	29	9	Single.....	.....	Wakefield	John and Sarah.....	Scarletina.
11	McAllister, Edith A.....	29	9	Married.....	Clerk	Boston.....	Jesse and Betsey.....	Fish Poison.
14	Chipman, Joseph A.....	83	6	"	Gentleman	Wakefield	David and Jane E.....	Disease of Heart.
14	Evans, Jonas.....	55	2	Single.....	.....	Wakefield	Joseph and Sarah B....	Pneumonia.
24	Towle, Mary Ann (McCrillis).	20	5	Married.....	.....	Sandwich, N. H.....	Thomas and Rebecca...	Ischuria.
26	McCleary, Lizzie.....	62	2	Single.....	.....	Wakefield	David and Sally.....	Cerebritis.
July 1	Bateman, Thomas.....	62	2	Married.....	.....	Ireland	John and Johanna.....	Consumption.
							Charles and Elizabeth...	"

Deaths registered in the town of Wakefield in 1877.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Condition.	Occupation.	Birthplace.	Names of Parents.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.					
July	Donahoe, Mary.....	1	3	11	Single	.....	Wakefield	Martin and Maria.....	Accidental Drowning.
	Parker, Leander.....	25	3	17	"	Rattan worker	"	Jacob and Ruth M.....	Endocarditis.
	Wiley, Mary B. E. (Eaton)...	72	3	9	Married	.....	"	Lilley and Eunice.....	Heart Disease.
	Casey, Timothy.....	45	.....	.....	Single	Mason	Ireland	Timothy and Bridget...	Phtisis.
	Wood, Jane (Wade).....	78	.....	23	Married	.....	Thomaston, Me.	Roland and Polly.....	Apoplexy.
12	Tomney, Johanna.....	1	4	.....	Single	.....	Wakefield	John and Sarah.....	Convulsions.
21	Graham.....	.....	.....	.....	Female	.....	"	Edward and Annie.....	Premature Birth.
26	Meade, Peter.....	65	5	14	Married	Flagman	Ireland	Peter and Bridget.....	Dysentery.
30	Knight, Harry D.....	6	7	11	Single	.....	Wakefield	Willis H. and Bertha C..	Disease of Kidneys.
Aug.	Morrison, Ima Rose.....	51	10	22	Widower	.....	Brookville, Me.	Charles H. and Betsey...	Scarletina.
	Wiley, Ira Jr.....	10	.....	.....	Single	Merchant	Wakefield	Ira and Lucetta.....	Heart Disease.
	Skinner, George.....	89	4	7	Single	Mason	Truro, N. S.	George H. and Mary E..	Diphtheria.
	Pratt, Ralph.....	.....	11	3	Single	.....	Malden	John and Martha.....	Old Age.
	Kernan, Laura.....	25	8	3	Married	.....	Wakefield	Thomas and Annie.....	Dysentery.
6	Anderson, Johanna (McDon	9	4	3	Single	.....	Nova Scotia	John and Johanna.....	Phtisis.
7	Derby, Alfred B.....[ald	13	6	.....	"	.....	Lynnfield	Charles H. and Rosa L..	Diphtheria.
7	Skinner, Estella.....	.....	1	22	"	.....	Truro, N. S.	George H. and Mary E..	"
13	Williamson, Mary E.....	.....	9	10	"	.....	Wakefield	James and Isabel.....	Marasmus.
15	Worrall, William L.....	2	11	22	"	.....	"	Robert H. and Elizabeth.	Cholera Infantum.
18	Derby, Charles H.....	.....	5	10	"	.....	"	Charles H. and Rosa L..	Diphtheria.
22	Staples, Dana P.....	.....	5	10	"	.....	Boston	Moses and Mary A.....	Hydropericarditis.
23	Sutherland, Frances B.....	.....	5	10	"	.....	Wakefield	J. M. and Hannah E.....	Enteritis.
25	Kenney, Charlotte.....	.....	16	11	"	.....	Saugus	Patrick and Bridget...	Consumption.
30	Tuttle, Jennie D.....	.....	10	28	"	.....	Wakfield	Joseph and Harriet...	Tuberculosis.
Sept.	Kelley, John F.....	71	3	8	Married	Shoemaker	Wakfield	Frank and Mary.....	Hydrocephalus.
	Knight, Otis.....	69	1	10	"	.....	Charlestown	Elisha and Nancy.....	Heart Disease.
	Nichols, Mary G. (Green)...	50	4	5	"	Clergyman	Wakefield	Caleb and Peter and Dinah.....	Dysentery.
	Keyser, Charles.....	1	11	8	Single	.....	Albany, N. Y.	Joseph A. and Elizabeth.	Chronic Nephritis.
	Leville, Georgianna.....	50	4	5	"	.....	Wakefield	William and Ellen.....	Cerebral Meningitis.
21	O'Brien, Mary A.....	26	.....	.....	Married	Shoemaker	Kingson	Jacob and Annie.....	Consumption.
21	Reed, Luther.....	75	8	14	Single	.....	Boston	James and Mary.....	Congestion of Lungs.
23	Connor, John E.....	1	9	.....	"	.....	Newmarket, N. H.	Thomas and Bridget...	Cholera Infantum.
26	Campbell, Mary A.....	14	4	.....	"	.....	Canada	John and Clara O.....	Consumption.
11	Oliver, Hollis F.....	13	4	26	"	.....	Wakefield	Arthur P. and Elizabeth A	Enlarged Liver.
12	Dodge, Edgar Adams.....	7	7	15	Married	.....	"	Samuel and Sarah.....	Tubercular Meningitis.
13	Newhall, Emily R. (Rugg)...	79	4	1	Single	.....	Lancaster	James and Johanna.....	Hemoptysis.
15	Anderson, James.....	85	6	27	Widower	Clergyman	Wakefield	Peter and Mary.....	Marasmus.
17	Clayes, Dana.....	.....	1	9	Married	Cordwainer	Framingham	James and Sarah.....	Diabetes.
30	Slocumb, Nathan.....	73	1	9	Married	.....	Eden, Vt.	James and Sarah.....	Pneumonia.

Nov. 4	Burditt, Sally J. (Mansfield).	68	10	5	Married	Shoe manuf'r.	Lynnfield.	Joseph and Dolly	Consumption.
Nov. 11	Wiley, Benjamin B.	91	7	2	"	Shoemaker	Wakefield	James and Mary Bryant.	Old Age.
Oct. 31	Sweetser, Lemuel.	70	7	3	"	Shoemaker	"	Lemuel and Hannah	Cystitis.
Nov. 14	Wakefield, Eliza A. (Bancroft)	55	4	8	Widow		Lynnfield.	Henry and Eliza M.	Pneumonia.
Nov. 23	Howlett, John.	67	1	8	Married		Boston.	James and Elizabeth	Paralysis.
Nov. 25	Wear, Isabella	17	...	...	Single		Reading	James and Alice	Arsenical Poisoning.
Nov. 25	Leggett, T. Bruce.	21	1	25	"		Medford	Gabriel and Lucy M.	Typhoid Fever.
Nov. 26	Bancroft, Charles	58	4	12	Married	Druggist.	Montreal, Ca.	Charles and Mary	Cancer of Pancreas.
Nov. 27	Wiley, Abigail N. (Pease)	78	3	6	"	Clergyman.	Lynnfield.	James and Sally	Consumption.
Dec. 4	McLane, Ernest W.	1	5	26	Single		Wakefield	John and Alice J.	Heart Disease.
Dec. 5	Flanley, Michael.	19	3	...	"	Agent	"	Michael and Winifred	"
Dec. 11	Cowdrey, Jonas.	78	4	5	Married	Gentleman.	"	Aaron and Elizabeth	Chronic Diarrhea.
Dec. 21	McComick, Mary.	2	4	...	Single		"	Frank and Mary	Convulsions.
Dec. 24	Bridge, Theodore.	11	10	4	"		"	Charles C. and Meribah G	Accidental Drowning.
Dec. 25	Whittemore, Eleanor (Clark).	72	7	6	Widow		Tewksbury	Samuel and Azubah	Paralysis.
Dec. 25	Newbegin, Emma C.	7	5	4	Single		Boston.	Elias J. and Helen J.	Pneumonia.
Dec. 27	Tulley Mary (Gunning).	50	...	...	Married		Ireland	Brine and Mary	Consumption.
Dec. 28	Brown, Chas. Edward.	10	2	22	Single		Wakefield	Charles B. and Elvira J.	Diphtheretic Group.

RECAPITULATION.

Births registered in 1877, 103

Males, 49

Females, 54

<i>Nativity of Parents.</i>	<i>Fathers.</i>	<i>Mothers.</i>
Born in Wakefield,	10	10
Other towns in United States,	45	47
British Provinces,	4	8
Ireland,	34	30
England,	3	2
Scotland,	2	0
Wales,	0	1
Sweden,	1	1
Prussia,	1	0
Belgium,	1	1
E. Indies,	0	1

Marriages registered in 1877.

Widowers, 4	Widows, 6		
<i>Nativity.</i>	<i>Grooms.</i>	<i>Brides.</i>	
Born in Wakefield,	4	6	
Other towns in United States,	36	35	
British Provinces,	3	2	
Ireland,	5	4	
England,	1	2	
	<i>Grooms.</i>	<i>Brides.</i>	
Number under 20 years of age,	2	14	
Between 20 and 30,	36	29	
Between 30 and 40,	10	7	
Between 40 and 50,	2	0	

Oldest Groom,	.	45	Oldest Bride,	38
Youngest "	.	19	Youngest "	17

<i>Deaths registered in 1877,</i>	.	.	.	.	96
Males,	50	Females,	46		
Average age, 32 years 5 months 10 days.					
Number under 5 years of age,	.	.	.	.	29
Between 5 and 10,	.	.	.	.	7
Between 10 and 20,	.	.	.	.	12
Between 20 and 30,	.	.	.	.	10
Between 30 and 40,	.	.	.	.	2
Between 40 and 50,	.	.	.	.	2
Between 50 and 60,	.	.	.	.	6
Between 60 and 70,	.	.	.	.	6
Between 70 and 80,	.	.	.	.	15
Between 80 and 90,	.	.	.	.	4
Between 90 and 100,	.	.	.	.	1
Still-born,	.	.	.	.	2
					<hr/> 96

Nativity of Persons deceased.

Born in Wakefield,	.	.	.	49
Other towns in the United States,				35
British Provinces,	.	.	.	5
Ireland,	.	.	.	7
				<hr/> 96

<i>Number of Dogs licensed in 1877,</i>	.	.	.	183
Males,	172	Females,	11	
Cash paid County Treasurer,	.	\$362	40	

CHARLES F. HARTSHORNE, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

WAKEFIELD, March 11, 1878.

The Committee chosen by the Town, at a meeting held March 4th, 1878, to recommend certain sums to be raised and appropriated at the next annual meeting to be holden Monday, April 1, 1878, would respectfully recommend the following appropriations, viz:—

For payment of Town Debt and interest,	\$12,000 00
“ support of Schools,	11,000 00
“ School Contingent Fund,	1,000 00
“ Poor Department,	4,500 00
“ Highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
“ Fire Department,	2,000 00
“ Salaries of town officers,	2,500 00
“ Expense of Street Lamps,	1,000 00
“ Town House Expenses,	1,000 00
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	1,500 00
“ Beebe Town Library, for Regular Expenses, the funds now in hands of Town	
Treas. from dog tax, and . . . \$100 }	400 00
“ Publishing Catalogue, . . . 300 }	
Total,	<hr/> \$39,900 00

We have recommended in the above list a separate appropriation for “ Town House Expenses,” thereby reducing the appropriations for “ Miscellaneous Expenses” and “ Salaries of Town Officers,” to which these expenses have heretofore been charged. This appropriation is intended to cover

the expense of Heating, Lighting, Janitor's services and all usual expenses connected with the Town House Building.

We would recommend that the compensation of Enginemen for the year commencing May 1, 1878, be fixed at fifteen dollars and a sum equal to their poll tax.

We would also recommend that the compensation of Town Officers for the ensuing year's services be fixed at the following sums, viz :

For Treasurer,	. . . . .	\$50 00
“ Town Clerk,	. . . . .	100 00
“ Board of Selectmen,	. . . . .	400 00
“ . “ Assessors,	. . . . .	350 00
“ “ Overseers of the Poor,	. . . . .	150 00
“ School Committee,	. . . . .	200 00
“ Fire Engineers,	. . . . .	75 00
“ Auditors,	. . . . .	100 00
“ Tax Collector, for collecting Tax Warrant of 1878,	. . . . .	400 00
“ Police Services and Constables,	. . . . .	400 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. GREENOUGH,
WM. F. YOUNG,
T. E. BALCH,
S. O. RICHARDSON,
EVERETT HART,
T. J. SKINNER,
E. A. UPTON,
C. F. RICHARDSON,
G. H. SWEETSER,
JOSEPH CONNELL,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
LEVI B. EATON,
B. W. OLIVER,
O. V. WATERMAN,
J. F. EMERSON,

Appropriation Committee.

A true copy, T. J. SKINNER, *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The law imposes upon School Committees in this Commonwealth the duty of making detailed reports of the condition of the several public schools under their supervision annually, and your Committee, in the discharge of that duty, feel that they have reason to congratulate the inhabitants of the town upon the generally healthy condition of the schools in their municipality. While during the past year the schools have not escaped the friction incident to such a system as ours, yet upon the whole they have prospered in an excellent degree, and the results have been gratifying and widely beneficial, fully attesting the wisdom and foresight of their founders and the liberality of their supporters.

The teachers have been zealous and laborious, appreciating their high commission; they have wrought for the future, and verily their works shall follow them.

In consequence of an anticipated reduction in the amount of money to be raised for the support of schools prior to the last annual meeting, the committee then in office arranged a reduction in the salaries of teachers which it was found necessary to make at the fulfillment of that anticipation at the annual meeting. In examining the salaries paid to our teachers heretofore, the position held by them, the amount of work required, and the value of the services rendered, it was thought that they were in some instances disproportionate, and that a pro-rata or per cent. deduction would not adjust the differences and would be unfair in some respects; so your Committee endeavored to take fairly into consideration all the elements which, in their judgment, should be considered in determining the salary to be paid each teacher, and fixed the same accordingly. In some instances this

seemed to work a very large reduction, and created a little friction, but on the whole was found very satisfactory, and the teachers yielded to the necessities of the times with commendable alacrity. But for some changes which subsequently became necessary, and for expenditures for assistants, which were inevitable and entirely unforeseen, this reduction would have amounted to about ten per cent. of the gross sum paid for salaries. The abolition of the Training School, the consequent employment of another teacher, the necessity of an assistant in the Second Grammar and Second Primary for a portion of the year, and a slight increase in the salary paid to the teacher of one school, has reduced the amount hoped to be saved quite materially. The amount paid Training School scholars would nearly if not quite offset the expense of the extra teacher, and the other items referred to will show the reason for the slight expenditures over the estimate made by us, and the amount raised and appropriated by the town. It is to be sincerely hoped that no further reduction of salaries will be attempted, and if not the present year, very soon the town will be able to increase the compensation of her most valuable and valued servants.

Capacity and labor will command adequate compensation, and this is as true in the profession of teaching as in any other calling, and our town has many times bitterly lamented the loss of some of her best teachers, who have been tempted from her by the larger pecuniary reward offered them elsewhere. A good teacher is above all price, and the committee should be invested with plenary powers to retain such in our service, and be warmly supported by public sentiment and the tax-paying population of the town. People who have taken their position in the world are of comparatively little consequence, while the children on whom the world depends are of infinite importance, and the wealth and the energy of the present should be poured out with an unstinting hand for the education and elevation of the future.

CONDUCT.

Generally, the conduct of the scholars has been such as we

can commend. In some individual instances, however, an insubordinate spirit has been exhibited; and during a portion of the year one or two of the schools has been infected with disorderly elements, so that a frequent resort to corporal punishment has been necessary.

It is to be deplored that all scholars will not readily yield to the discipline of the schools, and that they are not so educated, by home influence, that they will conduct themselves in and about the school-room in a becoming and orderly manner. But such are the facts, and the teachers and your Committee have to deal with scholars as they find them, and a teacher having from forty to sixty scholars, of various dispositions and temperaments, under her charge, cannot take the time to humor the whim or the peculiarity of each one, as a parent does, even if it were desirable; and in order for her to do the work required of her, and for her school to make the progress expected, the first law of Heaven must be preserved. If, in any individual instance, or in any school, this cannot be obtained by an appeal to the better elements of the scholar's character, it must be done by other means, and in such a manner that the scholar will not seek a repetition.

We do not mean to be understood as advocates of corporal punishment only, when other reasonable and proper efforts have failed to secure the desired end, and *never* to an unwarranted or cruel extent, but we *do* mean to be understood that we are unhesitatingly in favor of *good order* in all our schools, and that it is the duty of every teacher to maintain it, the duty of every scholar to render ready and willing acquiescence to the requirements of school discipline, the duty of every citizen of the town, parent or not, to aid the teacher in every right method to accomplish that end.

Prince George, of Denmark, said, in his speech accepting the crown of Greece: "The love of my people is my strength." We shall hail the day as most happy and propitious, when every teacher in town can truthfully say, the love of my scholars is my strength; but we cannot omit the observation that love for a teacher is engendered in the heart

of the average scholar as frequently by a primary demand for respect and obedience as by the more sentimental methods sometimes invoked.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance in school the past year has not been quite as good as in some former years. This has arisen from no unusual lack of interest, but from the exigences of the times. Many parents, in limited circumstances, have been compelled to place their children at work to earn their own livelihood, and perhaps aid in the support of others who have been deprived of their usual means by lack of employment. Some have found permanent engagements elsewhere, others are attending some of the schools in Boston, where a technical education can be obtained in a shorter period than in our own schools, while a few are attending institutions abroad where a wider range of study is pursued.

From careful inquiries, and from observation, the fact is developed that in some sections of the town there is a growing habit among the parents to allow their children to be dismissed or to remain away from school for a session or a whole day for very trivial causes. This is to be deprecated in strong terms, as not only an injury to the scholar who remains away, but a wrong against the teacher and the other scholars, for the absentee is not fitted for his place in his class, and cannot be except by the extra labor of the teacher at the expense of those who are constant in their attendance. No one has the moral right to impose extra labor upon already overworked servants, nor to deprive others of their opportunity for instruction. It is to be hoped that this fault, so slight in an individual instance, but so important in the aggregate, will be speedily and completely corrected.

SCHOLARSHIP.

The results obtained in scholarship in most of the schools have been comparatively satisfactory, while in a few the work of painstaking teachers has failed to show equal attainments. This was made manifest more particularly at the

annual examination for promotions, at the close of the summer term, when the same examination was given to all scholars of like grade. Different causes, in different instances, have contributed to produce the same result. Some teachers have not the same skill to interest, instruct and draw out pupils as others; some scholars have not the same native capacity to be interested and instructed as others; while many have not derived from their home associations that emulATORY incentive so essential to high scholarship in school-life, and a few from sheer laziness and indifference have failed to attain even mediocrity. It is to be borne in mind that our schools are for the education of the masses, and courses of study are to be arranged, and methods of teaching to be adopted, adapted to the necessities and capacities of those to be taught. A *few* scholars in town are, by nature, capable of accomplishing in the time allotted to them for school, more than is required of them; but a far larger number require the utmost tact of the teacher, that they may complete with reasonable thoroughness the work prescribed; so that in estimating the educational value of our schools, the brilliancy of the few must be partially disregarded, and your Committee at all times have strenuously endeavored to consider the schools as a *system*, and in making changes of any character sought to promote the *general* good.

From the bright and active scholar the teacher has little difficulty in securing satisfactory lessons, but how to bring dull and indifferent pupils to a fair standard of scholarship, is frequently the most perplexing problem a teacher has to solve. Ingenious and almost numberless are the methods devised and put in operation, but in many instances with only partial success. Detention after school, to make up for failures, has been held by many to be the cure all. It has been largely practiced by our teachers, and with measurable success; but it is not without its disadvantages, and has met with the disapproval of some parents. It requires scholars to accomplish, when comparatively weary, what they have failed to do while fresh and inspired by the work and example of those around them. It occupies the time of the teach-

er, which should be devoted to general culture and study for the benefit of the whole, and not infrequently imposes a burden almost "too grievous to be borne." On the other hand, a course of study for the average scholar is prescribed, which every parent expects *his* child to complete, and the discipline and education of the child demands that it should be completed. One teacher, after months of discouraging labor with a dull class, beseechingly inquired: "Can you give me a recipe for brains?"

At a recent teachers' meeting this subject was earnestly discussed. One teacher felicitously quoted the words of Mr. Harris: "Prepare the lesson so that the pupil can carry it by storm, and never allow him to make a dissipated, scattered attack upon it." These are golden words, and should be emblazoned upon the armorial colors of every teacher. It must not be forgotten, however, that the science of teaching is still in its infancy, and that a large percentage of teachers have not themselves received the discipline and drill which will enable them to prepare a lesson according to Mr. Harris' ideal. Capacity of this kind very soon finds its remuneration in some more opulent field.

PROMOTIONS.

Promotions have been based upon the same principle which has been in vogue for some years, that is, upon the written examinations of the scholars. Great diligence has been exercised that these examinations should be conducted with the utmost fairness, your Committee being determined that no one scholar should have a more favorable opportunity than all the others to secure a promotion, and as frequent inquiries have been made of us, it may be worth the space to explain how promotions have been made the present year.

Some weeks prior to the annual examination, each teacher was required to prepare a series of ten questions in each study in which pupils were to be examined for entrance to that school. These questions were placed in the hands of the Committee, and by them referred to a sub-committee, to ascertain if they were fair and proper, and to change if found

necessary. After being fully completed, the chairman of the Committee designated certain schools in which each member of the Committee should be present, and in whose presence the examination should be conducted. On the morning of the examination day each member of the Committee repaired to the school designated to him and delivered the examination to the teacher of that school. Prior to this time, each scholar had received a number to place upon his examination papers, and by which he should be known. The teacher, in the presence of the Committee, wrote the questions upon the black-board, and each scholar answered each question in writing, without consultation with any one, or examination of books. When the work was completed, the papers were gathered up, delivered to the Committee, who in turn delivered them to the teacher, who prepared the examination, to be marked upon a uniform scale. The results were tabulated, and with the examinations and work of the scholars, returned to the Committee, some one of whom made such examination of teachers' and scholars' work as was necessary to render certain that the marking had been done fairly, and those whose papers showed a per cent. of seventy, or upwards, were promoted. No scholar was allowed to place his name upon his papers, so that neither the teacher who marked, nor the Committee could know to whom any paper belonged, thus assuring a promotion based upon the merits of the examinations.

It is sometimes said that really good scholars fail in an examination from nervousness or other causes. This may be true in occasional instances, and your Committee, having that fact in mind, and for the purpose of obtaining more accurate statistical information, have adopted, and put in use in the schools, except the High and Primary, a system of records, in which each recitation is marked upon a uniform scale, and in which the monthly average in scholarship and the rank of each scholar is given, so that any parent, or the Committee, can see at any time what progress any child is making, and can ascertain his exact standing at the end of the year. With an examination conducted in the manner explained, and in doubtful or disputed instances with this record for

reference, it would seem well nigh impossible that any injustice should be done.

COURSE OF STUDY.

From year to year the condition of the schools changes, and it is quite difficult to prescribe a course of study which shall prove acceptable for a long time. Frequent changes are demanded by the varying capacities of the schools, by modernized and improved text books, and by progressive modes of thought. Your Committee, knowing that the course prescribed some years since could not now be carried out to advantage, have, except as to the High School, revised it so that, in their judgment, it is more elastic, and is better adapted to our present wants.

The course of study in the High School has been the subject of much discussion, but the multiplicity of other duties have prevented your Committee from giving it that practical and thorough consideration which its paramount importance challenges. We append to this report the Course of Study referred to above.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has continued the present year under the skillful management of Mr. Hill and Miss Greenwood, with the exception of the winter term, when Miss Greenwood was granted a vacation to recuperate her health, which had become somewhat impaired. Miss Martha Keith, of Bridgewater, substituted during Miss Greenwood's absence in an eminently satisfactory manner. The course of the school, during the year, has been progressive, evidencing a large amount of solid, persistent work, the results of which are simply immeasurable. This school is undervalued by many, but we feel that it is from the want of a correct knowledge of its purpose, and of the development which it accomplishes.

It is often and truly said that the United States owes the grand idea of free common school education to the wise foresight of the founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

This idea was developed into legislation in 1642, in the

enactment of a law enjoining "upon municipal authorities the duty of seeing that *every child* within their respective jurisdictions should be educated," and that act was supplemented by another five years later, requiring every township containing fifty house-holders to appoint a teacher "to teach all such children as shall resort to them to write and read," and every township containing one hundred house holders, "to set up a Grammar School," whose master should be able to instruct so far as they may be fitted for "the University," meaning Harvard College. This was the foundation of our High Schools, and contained a succinct expression of their original design. An experience of two and a third centuries confirms the judgment of their founders.

Secretary White, in speaking of the High Schools in this Commonwealth, says: The fact that they furnish to the young of the poorest classes the opportunity of fitting themselves for higher courses of classical and professional education, as well as for a successful prosecution of any honorable pursuit on which they may choose to enter, and thus powerfully aid in removing all distinction between the children of the rich and the poor, and in often developing talents of the highest order, which otherwise would not have been cultivated, and so give practical power to our free institutions as well as a beautiful exemplification of them, must of itself commend these schools to the highest place in the public estimation. When, moreover, it is remembered that a High School, generously and wisely supported, not only offers an education of a high order to all the youth, but also, as universal experience testifies, elevates the standard of general intelligence and of public and private morality in the town, and acts as a powerful stimulus upon the children in the schools of a lower grade, thus raising these schools to a higher plane of excellence, it is difficult to find fitting language to give full expression to our sense of their value, and of the wisdom of the law which requires towns to "set up" and maintain them.

The attendance in our own school is not so large as we desire, but it compares favorably, we think, with other

towns having a population like ours, and the statistics show that it averages well with the towns and cities of this County. The support of a High School will come largely from the population in average pecuniary circumstances, and especially if that population is largely engaged in Agriculture or in any of the Mechanic Arts as distinguished from day laborers. It is a well-known fact that our town contains a smaller percentage of these classes of inhabitants than some of the towns about us.

Again, the requirements for admission to our High School are greater than to those in some towns which boast of larger numbers, our Advanced Grammar School giving the opportunity for farther and better preparation than in those places which have no school of that grade. The true mission of the school is to afford every scholar in town the opportunity to obtain an education equal to a fit for Harvard College, and no system of free public instruction will be perfect until it is capable of taking the youngest scholars of the humblest parentage, and placing his feet upon the threshold of the University.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1877 took place in the Town Hall, on the evening of the twenty-ninth day of June, in the presence of a crowded and appreciative audience. The principal exercises were Essays by members of the Graduating Class, Music, and a National Allegory, entitled, "The Visions of Freedom," in which a large portion of the school participated. The parts were all excellent, and the essays highly meritorious, voicing well the motto of the class, "Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum." We indulge the hope that as "the years glide by" these may all find that "over the Alps lies Italy," and that when He whose right it is to reign shall come to make up his "Jewels," they may hear the welcome, "Well-done, good and faithful servants."

The names of those composing the Graduating Class are as follows :

ALICE BEEBE,

EMMA E. CURRIER,

ANNIE H. THAYER,

CHARLES O'CONNER,

JOHN B. MORAN,

WILLIAM C. STRONG.

THE ADVANCED AND FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Advanced and First Grammar Schools have continued as for some years past under the instruction of Mrs. Wentworth and Miss Perkins, which alone is sufficient guaranty of their character. These schools furnish to many children the highest education which they have the opportunity to obtain, and they, as well as those who have gone up higher, can attest the value of the instruction here imparted.

THE SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

When the last Annual Report was submitted, this school was under the charge of Miss Sarah L. Thomas, who at the close of the spring term resigned to take charge of a more congenial household. Miss Emma S. Small was appointed to fill the vacancy at the commencement of the summer term and resigned at its close. Miss Small came to us with testimonials of the most flattering character, from well-known educators, as an experienced and successful teacher, and her examination gave evidence of scholarly attainments. There was a predisposition on the part of the school to be disorderly, and many of the scholars were determined that no teacher should succeed, consequently Miss Small found herself confronted with difficulties which she failed to overcome. She labored willingly and faithfully, and under different circumstances would have proved an acceptable teacher.

Miss Mary E. Dana was appointed to the position of Principal of this school at the beginning of the fall term, and Miss Susan E. Barker, Assistant, the necessity for an assistant arising from the failure of so many to be promoted at the close of the summer term. Miss Dana took charge when the school was in a demoralized state, made more so by the introduction of a large class from the lower school. By dint of the most determined and painstaking labor, she improved the condition of the school in a great degree, as much certainly as could reasonably be expected of any teacher in the time, and your Committee parted with her services at the end of one term with regret. Her resignation was caused by protracted sickness in her family.

It was with difficulty that this vacancy was filled, your Committee not readily finding any lady whom they thought entirely equal to the position, who would accept it. Finally an arrangement was effected with Mr. F. S. Cutter, of Cambridge, to take charge of the school for a time, and he has since been engaged for the remainder of the school year, and if the condition of the school requires it, and the appropriation by the town will allow it, for a longer period. His administration has been thus far admirable, and the school is now rapidly taking its legitimate place among the best in town. Much credit is due to Miss Barker for her faithful assistance.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

In the report of last year your Committee remarked: "There is, of course, a limit beyond which it would not be advisable to appoint teachers who had received no other training than that furnished in a town like ours." This remark was made in discussing the merits of the Training School. In the light of further experience, and a more careful examination the present year, your Committee have thought it unwise to continue that school longer with the idea of supplying our own town with teachers, for the inevitable consequence will be that our schools will be run in one mould, with teachers who have been trained by one person, who have imbibed one person's ideas, and copied one person's methods and manners, and to deprive us of the services of teachers who possess the more varied culture derived from different training and a more extended association with educated people.

At the close of the summer term, the Training School, as such, was abolished, and the schools comprising it are now known as the First and Second Intermediate, the former of which still remains under the care of Miss Hutchinson, and the latter of Miss Taft, who, by her quiet dignity and enthusiastic love for her work, has made for herself an enviable place among our corps of teachers.

THIRD INTERMEDIATE.

During the spring term, Miss Sweetser, of the Third Intermediate, found her health somewhat impaired, and before the close of the term resigned. Her appointment as teacher in this town dates back to March, 1856, and hundreds of pupils will tenderly and lovingly cherish her memory. Miss Alice A. Alexander, a graduate of both the High and Training Schools, was appointed in her stead and still retains the position. She is active and energetic, and means that all the pupils under her charge shall make progress.

WEST WARD INTERMEDIATE.

At the close of the summer term, Miss Hamblin resigned her position in this school to accept a more lucrative one in Medford, where from the report of the school officers of that town she sustains the reputation gained here.

Miss Nellie A. Miller, a graduate from our High School in 1876 and from the Training School in 1877, was appointed to fill the vacancy, a position filled with difficulty by any one. Miss Miller is meeting with good success, and promises to become a highly successful teacher.

GREENWOOD.

At the close of the winter term, Miss Hartshorne, teacher in the Greenwood School, from a combination of unfortunate circumstances in no degree her fault, and from premonitory symptoms of disease, thought it wiser to resign her charge than to continue it longer. She has been the teacher of that school for some years, and has done excellent work in it. Miss Mary J. George has been appointed in her place, and assumed her duties at the commencement of the present term.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

We omit to speak individually of the other schools in town, not because they do not merit special mention, but for the reason there has been no change in them during the year, and because they are continuing the "even tenor of their way," doing well their part.

SINGING.

In the report of last year the subject of singing in our schools was discussed at some length, the views of the Committee stated, and the cost computed. By the experience of the last year we are confirmed in the opinions then expressed. During this time, Mr. George F. Wilson has had the direction of the music in all the schools except the High, and in that for the winter term. He is an enthusiastic lover of his profession as well as an ardent worker in it. The pleasing and profitable results of his teaching are apparent to any one who has been well advised of the condition of our schools for the past two years. To withhold an appropriation sufficient to cover his salary for the ensuing year would, in our judgment, be highly detrimental.

SUPERVISION.

In the attempt to discharge the duties imposed upon us, we have held, during the year past, thirty-one meetings and made three hundred and thirty-one visits to the schools, to say nothing of very many consultations with teachers, parents, scholars, and with each other individually. We are conscious that many improvements in the supervision of the schools can be made, and when the town is ready to adopt better methods, those who compose the present Committee will gladly and heartily co-operate.

PERSONAL.

Last year the town lost the services of a valuable member of the Board in the death of Mr. H. D. Smith, and this year it is called to mourn the sudden demise of Rev. Dr. Keyser, who in the comparatively short time he was a member of your Committee had, by his unwavering interest, his courteous bearing and staunch adherence to his convictions, won the respect of all.

“One by one, with hands full laden,
They entered the golden gate of the walled city,
Laid their sheaves at the feet of the Master,
Took their places among the blest.”

In joint convention the Selectmen and School Committee elected Rev. Quincy Whitney to the vacant place upon the Board.

We recommend an appropriation by the town to cover the present deficiency and for the support of schools for the year ensuing, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and for incidental expenses, the sum of one thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*

GEORGE W. ABORN.

THEO. E. BALCH.

E. P. COLBY.

QUINCY WHITNEY.

SAM'L K. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

NAMES OF TEACHERS, SALARY, AND DATE OF ELECTION.

Names of Schools.	Teachers.	When Elected.	Salaries.
High . .	Melvin J. Hill, .	Mar., 1869,	\$1500 pr. yr.
“ . .	Eliza M. Greenwood,	Jan., 1876,	520 “
“ . .	Martha Keith, . .	“ 1878,	520 “
Advanced Gram'r,	M. E. Wentworth, .	Mar., 1871,	650 “
Ctr. Gram. No. 1,	Abbie S. Perkins, .	Sept., 1873,	520 “
“ “ “ 2,	Sara L. Thomas, . .	“ 1872,	440 “
“ “ “ 2,	Emma S. Small, .	April, 1877,	440 “
“ “ “ 2,	Mary E. Dana, . .	Sept., 1877,	440 “
“ “ “ 2,	F. E. Cutter, . . .	Jan., 1878,	500 “
“ “ “ 2,	Susan E. Barker, asst.	Sept., 1877,	200 “
“ “ “ 3,	M. Annie Warren, .	Dec., 1871,	440 “
Ctr. Interme'ate, 1,	Elenora Hutchinson, .	Jan. 1858,	520 “
“ “ 2,	Hannah H. Taft, .	Sept., 1877,	400 “
“ “ 3,	Alice A. Alexander, .	April, 1877,	400 “
Centre Primary, 1,	Myra A. Stearns, .	Sept., 1875,	360 “
“ “ 2,	Mary I. Hersey,	Dec., 1876,	400 “
“ “ 2,	C. E. Bancroft, asst. .	Sept., 1877,	200 “
West Interme'ate,	Sophie F. Hamblin, .	Nov., 1868,	425 “
“ “	Nellie A. Miller, .	Sept. 1877,	360 “
“ Primary,	L. J. Mansfield, . .	“ 1871,	360 “
Franklin St. Int.,	Susie D. Turnbull, .	June, 1876,	400 “
“ Primary,	Emma L. Upham, .	Sept., 1874,	360 “
North Ward, .	Francella M. Evans, .	April, 1862,	425 “
East Ward, .	Annie R. Killorin, .	Sept., 1873,	425 “
Woodville, .	A. M. Wiley, . . .	Nov., 1875,	360 “
Greenwood, .	Frannie L. Hartshorne,	Sept., 1874,	400 “
“	Mary J. George, .	Mar., 1878,	400 “
	Geo. F. Wilson, (Music)	Sept., 1876,	500 “

Number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1876, 1018. .

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Average whole number.	Average daily attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	Number over fifteen years of age.
High School,	55	54.5	99.2	50
Advanced Grammar,	44	42	94.8	19
Centre Grammar, No. 1,	36	34	94	6
“ “ No. 2,	62	54	87	2
“ “ No. 3,	41	37	92	
“ Intermediate, No. 1,	48	42	87	
“ “ No. 2,	42	34	81	
“ “ No. 3,	40	35	87.5	
“ Primary, No. 1,	50	42	84	
“ “ No. 2,	59	51	85	
West Intermediate,	41	32	80	3
“ Primary,	43	31	73	
Franklin Street Intermediate,	51.5	45.5	88	
“ “ Primary,	66	52	79	
North Ward,	48	39	81	
East Ward,	61	49	80	2
Woodville,	34	29.7	87	1
Greenwood,	45	34	75.5	
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COURSE OF STUDY.

SECOND PRIMARY.

Alphabet and Reading.—Some good set of charts, or black-board lessons, Franklin Primer, spell the lessons given in spelling, train the children both by sounds of letters and by entire word, show orally the distinction between long and short vowels, use slate exercises in making the letters and combining them in words.

Numbers.—Learn the children to count as high as one hundred, accustom the pupils to read and afterwards to write the Arabic numerals, add and subtract numbers as high as nine.

Writing and Drawing.—Allow the children (as a pastime) to copy from the black-board short combinations of straight lines, teach them to copy on the slate Roman and Script letters.

Oral Lessons.—Spend a few minutes each day in talks about familiar objects, and question upon the subject of conversation of the previous day, use objects to illustrate when practicable.

FIRST PRIMARY.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Second Reader, drill upon the exercises in enunciation, make free use of the black-board in all exercises admitting it, spell the usual lesson and a large number of familiar objects.

Numbers.—Practice reading and writing small numbers, instruct in Arabic numerals to one thousand, Roman to one hundred; give simple exercises in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of numbers to a result of twenty, some exercises from Walton's Charts.

Writing and Drawing.—Give sentences of four or five words to write on the slate; show how to make the simplest forms of written capitals, give easy exercises from cards, or from the black-board, showing the circle, ellipse, six or eight sided polygon, how they may be divided into parts by straight lines, etc., let the older scholars draw from the black-board simple plans of houses, locating the prominent features.

Oral Lessons.—Conversations upon articles eaten and worn; upon colors, illustrated by colored papers and fabrics; upon various natural objects, their uses, etc. Teach how to tell time by the clock.

THIRD INTERMEDIATE.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Third Reader, with punctuation and marks used in printing; spell the word columns. Worcester's Primary Speller.

Numbers.—Walton's Charts, Walton's Primary Arithmetic (entire book), and constant practice on the multiplication table, reading and

writing numbers as high as one million, some familiarity in adding and subtracting numbers on the black-board.

Writing and Drawing.—Copy from the black-board each week a correctly written and punctuated stanza or paragraph and correct improperly written sentences. Primary Writing Book No. 1. Drawing of easy curves, such as rings, wheels, urns, and leaves with simple outlines.

Oral Lessons.—Points of compass, lessons on color, size, measures of length and capacity, divisions of time, as years, months, days, hours, etc., some account of various imported articles, as tea, coffee, cork, india rubber and similar things.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Third Reader from page 106, Franklin Fourth Reader to page 125, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller to page 67.

Numbers.—Walton's Arithmetical Charts, thorough drill in the multiplication table, review Walton's Primary Arithmetic; written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Writing and Drawing.—Second Primary Writing Book, and Writing Book No. 1. Dictate short sentences to be written. General instruction in drawing the outlines of continents, lakes, seas and islands; copying from drawings on the black-board, continue practice in combinations of straight and curved lines.

Oral Lessons.—Teach from the globe and maps the general principles of geography, but do not introduce much descriptive matter. Conversations upon short articles to be read from periodicals or newspapers.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Fourth Reader from page 90, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller from page 25 to page 100.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic to page 56, Written Arithmetic to page 42, Reading and writing Federal and Sterling money.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 2, writing of short abstracts from reading lessons, and writing short letters from dictation.

Geography.—Warren's Primary Geography (entire book).

THIRD GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Intermediate Reader, spelling and defining from reading lessons, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller from page 58 to page 137.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic from page 20 to page 63, Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 41 to page 89.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 3, Drawing Book No. 1.

Oral Lessons.—Adapted to age and proficiency of the pupils.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography from page 22 to page 49.

Language.—Swinton's Language Primer (entire book).

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Fifth Reader, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller from page 38, written exercises in spelling and defining from Reader.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic from page 64 to page 120, Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 84 to page 171.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Book No. 4, Drawing Book No. 2.

Oral Lessons.—Adapted to the age and proficiency of the scholars.

Language.—Swinton's Language Lessons, (entire book).

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography from page 49 to page 80, some attention to Map Drawing.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Sixth Reader omitting introduction, (Declamation,) Worcester's Pronouncing Speller, spelling and defining from Reader, Geography, and various other works.

Numbers.—Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic from page 80, omitting the easier portion of each section; Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 171 to page 265.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Books Nos. 5 and 6, Compositions, Drawing Book No. 3.

Oral Lessons.—Conversations introducing the elements of botany, zoology, philosophy, geology, climate, commerce, etc.

Language.—Swinton's English Grammar to page 134.

History.—Seavey's, Goodrich's History to page 157.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography to page 22, and from page 80 to page 96, review United States, map drawing.

ADVANCED GRAMMAR.

Reading and Spelling.—Franklin Sixth Reader, Declamation or Compositions, Worcester's Pronouncing Speller, and exercises from various sources in spelling and defining. (Exercises from Pronouncing Hand Book).

Numbers.—Walton's Written Arithmetic from page 245, exercises in mental arithmetic.

Writing and Drawing.—Writing Books Nos. 6 and 7, Drawing Book No. 4, (Writing Book No. 10.)

Oral Lessons.—Same as previous year, introducing also such subjects as history, geography, natural science, government, noted men and women, etc.

Language.—Swinton's English Grammar from page 135, Swinton's School Composition to page 103.

Geography.—Warren's Common School Geography reviewed, Warren's Physical Geography, map drawing.

History.—Seavey's, Goodrich's History from page 158.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Writing.—As it is an advantage and a credit to any person to write a fair and legible hand, teachers are requested to give particular attention to this branch of education, and to see that the scholars hold the pen correctly, and that they sit in an easy and proper attitude at the desk.

Singing.—As directed by the teacher of music. Teachers are expected to devote as much time as can well be spared for that purpose, to singing, and it will be well to occasionally combine this with physical exercise.

Physical Exercise.—A short time in each day should be given to regular exercises, such as exercise in the seat, of the body, arms and neck; marching, and exercises while standing; aiming at easy and healthful positions; also pay special attention to the attitude of the scholar while reading.

In the East Ward, North Ward, Woodville and Greenwood Schools, will be taught those studies fitting the scholar for admission to the First Grammar School.

In the Franklin Primary and West Ward Primary, scholars will be fitted for the Second Intermediate School.

In the Franklin Intermediate and West Ward Intermediate, scholars will be prepared for admission to the Second Grammar School.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF
THE BEEBE TOWN LIBRARY.

THE cycle of the year brings us to another of those noting points of our progress, our condition and our needs, at which we may both pleasantly and profitably consider what has been done and what there still exists for us to accomplish in the spécial trust confided to us.

The nature of the trust itself, the altogether pleasant associations with which it is rife, and the dignity of the work of which it is a most noble and efficient auxiliary—the elevation of character and the increase of usefulness,—all contribute to render the reflection alike gratifying and encouraging.

The First Napoleon, bent on a concentrate dynasty, once bade his Marshals “Beware! when bayonets shall learn to think!” His ambition could find no room for the common mind to develop thought and the power which thought alone can bring. To him, for the common people to hold the sovereignty of thought betokened the growth of an intelligence fatal to the despotism it was his glory to wield. “The stone which he rejected has become the head of the corner” in the Republic of which we are part, and it is to the largeness of thought, to its universal extension and the observance of its teachings that we confidently look for our rise, progress and perpetuity.

In a nation whose every citizen is a sovereign, where power resides with each one, where the united intelligence of the people must determine the laws, the relations, the policy and the very composition of the State, it is evident that every-

thing depends upon the character and extent of the general intelligence.

Just as the human body and its forces are built up of, and become like, the food upon which they depend, so the mind feeds upon, builds itself out of, and becomes the type of, what it absorbs. The higher the character of its pabulum, the more ample its supply, and the easier its assimilation, the better, richer and wider will be the cast of mind and its reach.

Books are most largely our mental purveyors. *Good* books, —those best embodiments of the best thoughts of men—so bring to us the delights of high companionship, over-riding time, distance and social barriers to pour their wealth into our laps, that they are fast moulding into broader lines the lives and aspirations of men and communities.

To read is to think; to think is to purpose, and purposes are the embryos of acts.

The rule of Socrates most aptly applies to books. "You say," said he, "the thing is good. *Good for what?*" It is impossible in this day not to recognize the fact that much reading matter often condemned, and not of the highest or even perhaps of the medium class, actually performs a valuable service in the stimulus alone, that it gives for reading, so opening the road to higher and better levels of thought. No man ever began at the top of the ladder, and the heights of knowledge, noble thinking and nobler living are only scaled step by step, and slowly.

It is said that Sir Isaac Newton, finding the son of his gardener familiar with his "*Principia*," demanded to know how he had reached so advanced knowledge, to which the youth admirably responded, "I have always believed one may learn *anything* who has once mastered the twenty-six letters of the alphabet."

If a book is not actually pernicious, it has a power for good. Good for what? To open the outer door to the whole range of the galleries of thought of all men, of all times, in all lands, and there is an approbation that belongs to the lower forms of literary effort, so long as they avoid

absolute evil, as the lower rounds of the ladder leading to better things,—the twenty-six letters of the alphabet of thought which daily unfolds brighter and better pages.

A few facts furnished by public reports and by the Librarian, are worthy the thoughtful attention of all.

From 70 to 80 per cent. of the books taken from public libraries are works of fiction.

The foreign population, as a rule, take a better class of books than others.

The demand for scientific books is on the increase, and the books purchased the last year have been largely of the better order, scientific and religious works, biography and travels.

We believe that these facts indicate much.

First. That the imaginative, that most cheering and helpful of mental phases, is doing its normal work of relieving the dull and often depressing monotony of "the daily round, the common task," and it becomes only desirable to direct it along such lines as blend it with truth:—the scientific, as in the fascinating works of Jules Verne; the historical, as in the novels of Miss Muhlback; the geographical or zoological, as in those of Maryatt, Fennimore Cooper, Goulding, or Mayne Reid.

Second. It would seem to be indicated, by the fact that a better class of books is taken by the foreign population than by others, that the Public Library is accomplishing its intended work. That those to whom the need and the advantage are greatest, most fully appreciate its opportunities, and profit thereby. The fact is further suggestive and deserves thought.

Third. The larger demand for scientific and kindred books may be held to indicate an increased demand of the day for more thorough foundation knowledge, and a recognition that the lines of life and thought, with the greater age of the country, are being more sharply drawn, and run more in special grooves. The Trustees have endeavored to keep fully abreast of this demand, and earnestly desire to stimulate and encourage it by all aids in their power.

It is believed that a most happy and useful adjunct of the

Library would be the furnishing and opening of Memorial Hall as a Reading Room. That there is need of such an institution for a large class in all communities, perhaps specially in ours, there can be little doubt. Such a reading-room, well warmed and lighted, supplied with the current periodicals and newspapers, home and foreign, would unfailingly be a nursery of that broader intelligence which marks the thinker and the helpful citizen. A more philanthropic gift than the means to this end, it would hardly be possible for any friend or friends of the town to bestow.

The suggestions of the year's experiences are few. We invoke a thoughtfulness of parents and guardians for the careful use of books in their households, not less from considerations of proper regard for public property, in itself so worthy of good treatment, than from the fact that not a few of the volumes are either expensive or rare, and become increasingly so as they pass out of print.

The inculcation of quiet and courteous behavior on the part of juvenile frequenters of the library, will recommend itself to those who have influence in this direction. The delightful quiet, order and precision which greet one on entering the public libraries of our great cities, is so fittingly associated with the presence of so much of the best thought of the greatest minds, that we naturally desire it for the realm of books, wherever found.

Upon one point the Trustees desire to earnestly and unitedly bespeak the consideration of the town at its approaching annual meeting, viz. : the need of a new catalogue.

Like a great compendium of facts without an index, like a treasure-vault without a key, like a well without a bucket to draw with, is a library without an available record of its contents. Its cost need not be large, it being found that an appropriation of three hundred dollars will cover it, and its necessity is so obvious that it cannot be counted wise economy to longer defer its publication.

To a larger and better life, to the fields of knowledge untrodden by mortal feet, to the wisdom of other realms and the presence of the great Author, one from our number has

gone out in the year that draws to a close. Inseparably associated in our thought with him whose hand reared the walls of our literary storehouse, and stamped his name and fame on our town, herself respected and esteemed by all, her departure could not fail to be of moment, her loss of general concern.

Mrs. Eliza A. Wakefield, by whose aid and consent our chief public edifice, the gift of her late husband, became the property of the town, will long have place in the memory of her associates and towns-people, and the noble gift in which she so freely joined, will keep alive in other years the recollection of the life gone from us.

The Trustees recommend for the coming year an appropriation of two hundred dollars in addition to the proceeds of the Dog Tax for the Library, and an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the publication of a new catalogue.

LUCIUS BEEBE, *Chairman.*

C. W. EATON, *Treasurer.*

T. E. BALCH, *Secretary.*

HARRIET N. FLINT.

EDWARD MANSFIELD.

THOMAS WINSHIP.

S. O. RICHARDSON.

F. P. HURD.

GEO. L. KILGORE.

JOHN M. CATE.

AZEL AMES, JR.

JOHN HOGAN.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Beebe Town Library in account with C. W. Eaton, Treasurer of Trustees.

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By Town Appropriation,	\$200 00
Dog taxes, refunded Town by County,	433 20
Interest on Flint Fund,	60 00
Interest on Hurd Fund,	25 30
Sale of old paper, &c.,	1 60
Fines received,	20 97
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To cash paid V. E. Marsh, Librarian,	\$206 25
for new books,	368 59
repairs of books,	88 75
wrapping paper,	33 66
circulars,	1 75
express charges,	6 95
postage stamps and envelopes,	1 00
record books,	26 00
replacing three books,	1 85
sundries at Library,	4 05
Balance on hand,	1 62
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CHESTER W. EATON,

Treasurer of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in the Library,	6,179
Added by purchase within the year,	305
donation from Lucius Beebe, Esq.,	49
R. E. Smile, San Francisco,	1
Mrs. E. C. Poland,	4
N. P. Banks,	12
State of Massachusetts,	15
Bureau of Education,	2
U. S. Government,	1
Exchanged for Town Histories,	7
Persons having signed the By-laws,	92
No. of Accts. on which Books have been charged,	668
Number of Books re-bound in 1877-78,	204
Number of Pamphlets bound,	21
Number of Books discarded or worn out,	145
Whole number of Books delivered,	30,401
Decrease since last year,	451
Greatest number to one account,	235
Average number delivered each day,	260
" " " " hour,	52

VICTORINE E. MARSH, *Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY SINCE LAST REPORT.

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| 5471 | A Blue Stocking, | Mrs. Annie Edwards. |
| 5509 | Abraham, the Friend of God, | J. O. Dykes. |
| 5348 | Abroad Again, | Curtis Guild. |
| 5308 | Across Africa, | Verney Lovett Cameron. |
| 5416 | Acts and Resolves of Gen. Court of Mass., 1877. | |
| 5350 | Adirondack Tales, | W. H. H. Murray. |
| 5522 | Adrift in the Ice-Fields, | Capt. C. W. Hall. |
| 5399 | A Family Feud, | German of Harder. |
| 5406 | Afterglow, | No Name Series. |
| 5431 | After Many Days, | Christian Reid. |
| 5466 | Alcohol and the State, | R. C. Pitman. |
| 5613 | All Saint's Day and Other Sermons, | Chas. Kingsley. |
| 5377 | Aloys, | Berthold Auerbach. |
| 5371 | American, | Henry James, Jr. |
| 5462 | American Addresses, | Thomas H. Huxley. |
| 5619 | American Almanac for 1878. | |
| 5329 | American Explorers. Vol 1st., | T. W. Higginson. |
| 5460 | American Senator, | Anthony Trollope. |
| 5538 | Among the Turks, | Cyrus Hamlin. |
| 5382 | Ancient Society, | Lewis H. Morgan. |
| 5349 | Annual Record of Science and Industry. 1876. | |
| 5473 | Arizona, as It Is, | Hiram C. Hodge. |
| 5442 | Arnot, Rev. William. Autobiography and Memoir. | |
| 5543 | Aunt Joe's Scrap Bag. My Girls, | Louisa M. Alcott. |
| 5598 | Aunt Phillis's Cabin, | Mrs. Mary H. Eastman. |
| 5401 | A Woman Hater, | Charles Reade. |

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| 5470 | Baroness of New York, | Joaquin Miller. |
| 5521 | Bar-rooms at Brantley, | T. S. Arthur. |
| 5330 | Bastonnais, | John Lesperance. |
| 5583 | Becket, Thomas a. Life and Times of, | J. A. Froude. |
| 5580 | Beginnings of Christianity, | George P. Fisher. |
| 5562 | Being a Boy, | C. D. Warner. |
| 5365 | Ben Blinker, | Rev. Daniel Wise. |
| 5312 | Bernardino Ochino of Siena, | Karl Benrath. |

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| 5578 | Bessie Harrington's Venture, | Julia A. Mathews. |
| 5338 | Bessie Lang, | Alice Corkran. |
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Our examination, as usual, has included the accounts of the Treasurer, Collectors, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyors and Treasurer of Public Library, and we find their accounts generally well kept and sufficiently vouched for.

We would remind the town that we are not charged with the duty of *controlling* municipal payments, but simply to see to the true settlement of the same, and to present them in as clear a manner as possible, as we find them, so that we are not accountable for the manner in which any appropriation has been expended.

Respectfully,

T. J. SKINNER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
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